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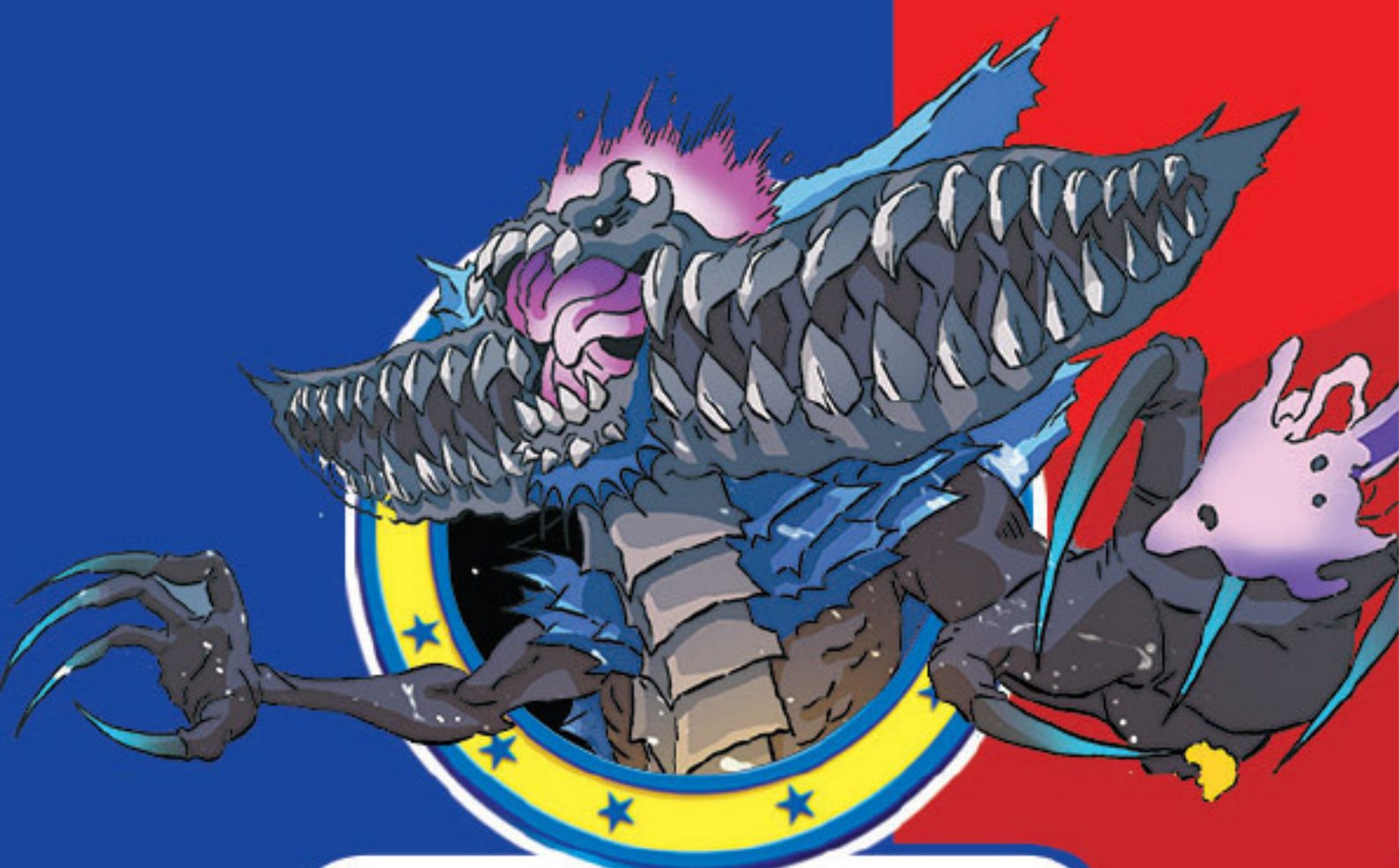
SUPER SONIC
CHAOS EMERALD
SUPER-CHARGED HERO



CHIP/LIGHT GAIA
WITH THE GAIA COLOSSUS



**THE FREEDOM
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WORLD HEROES



DARK GAIA
WORLD-DESTROYING
BEAST OF DARKNESS

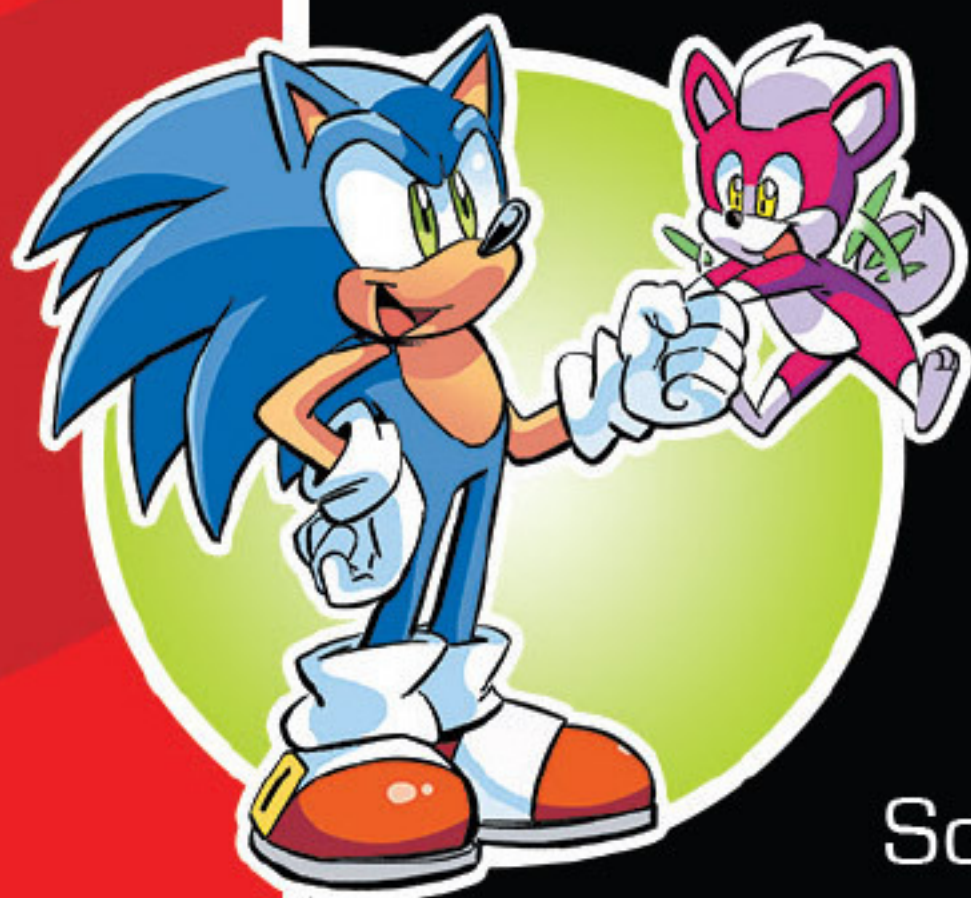
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THE STORY SO FAR...

THE LIGHT AND THE DARK

One of Dr. Eggman's mad schemes to take over the world went awry, splitting the planet into pieces and unleashing the long dormant spirits: Light Gaia and Dark Gaia. Light Gaia lost its memories and power, but was soon taken in by Sonic and friends and given the nickname "Chip."



Dark Gaia disintegrated and poured over the shattered world. Monsters made of its essence rose up at night, people were driven to depression and hopelessness, and Sonic became infected, turning into the fearsome Werehog.



Sonic, Chip and the Freedom Fighters sought out the power of the seven Chaos Emeralds and Gaia Temples, which were foretold to end the crisis. Meanwhile, Dr. Eggman gathered up all of Dark Gaia's energy for his own use. In the end the temples combined into the mighty Gaia Colossus, and the collected dark energy reformed into the terrifying Perfect Dark Gaia.

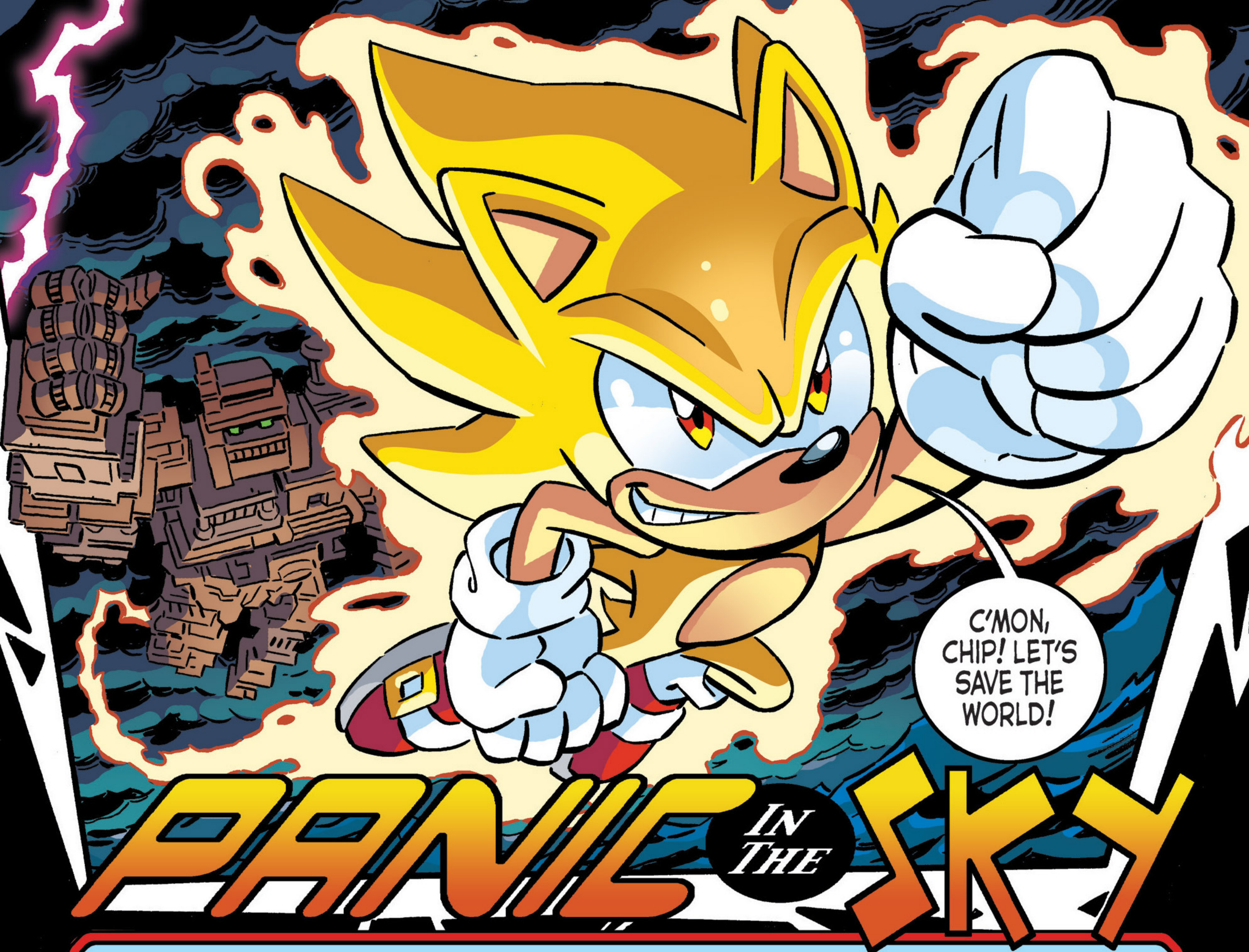
Now Super Sonic leads Chip, piloting the Gaia Colossus, into battle against Perfect Dark Gaia. Together they must defeat the destructive god—or watch the end of the world.



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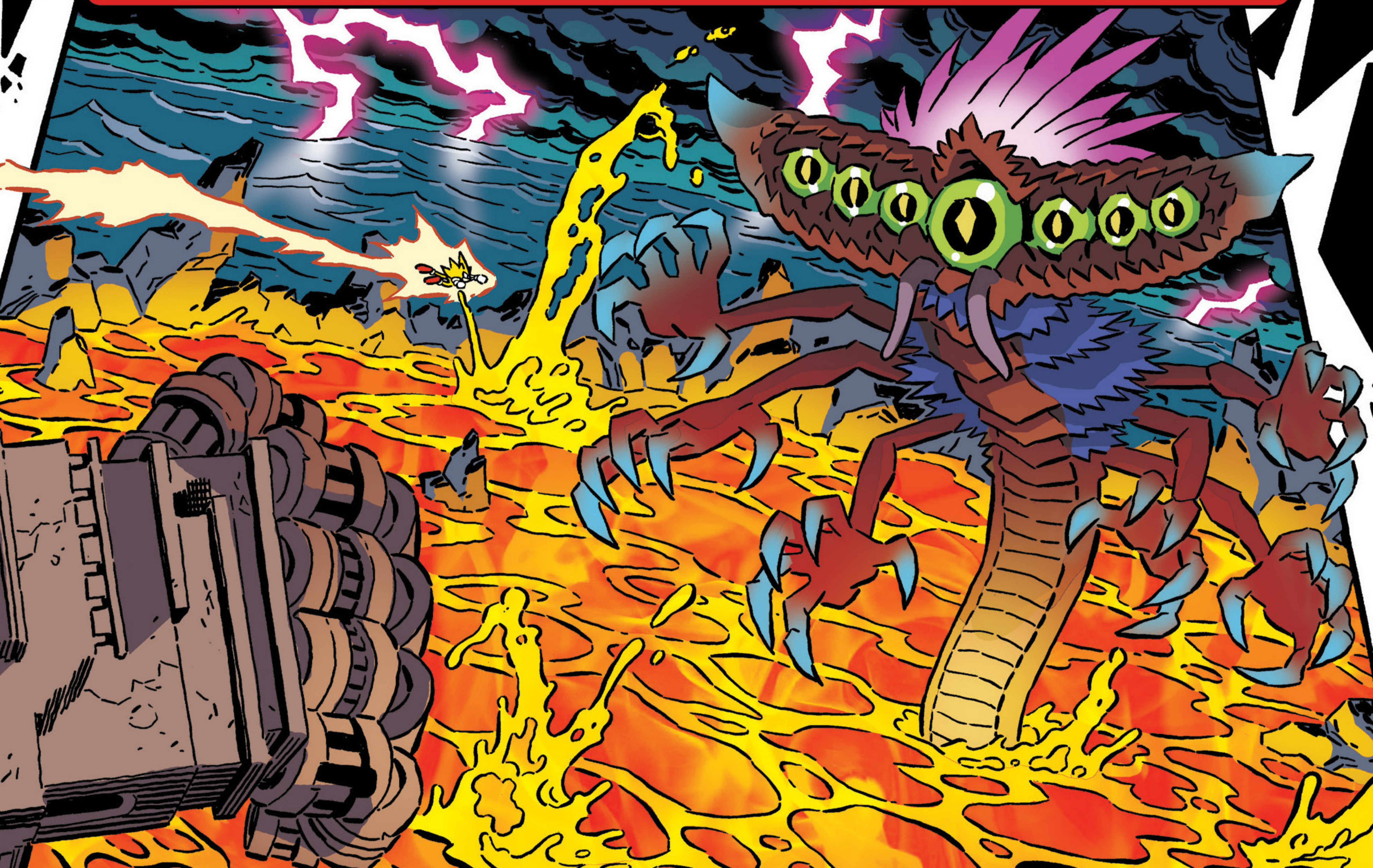
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Sonic!
Dark Gaia
is raising
a shield
with those
things!

WELL, WE
CAN'T HAVE
THAT! I'LL
TAKE DOWN
THESE SNAKE-
WHATEVERS!

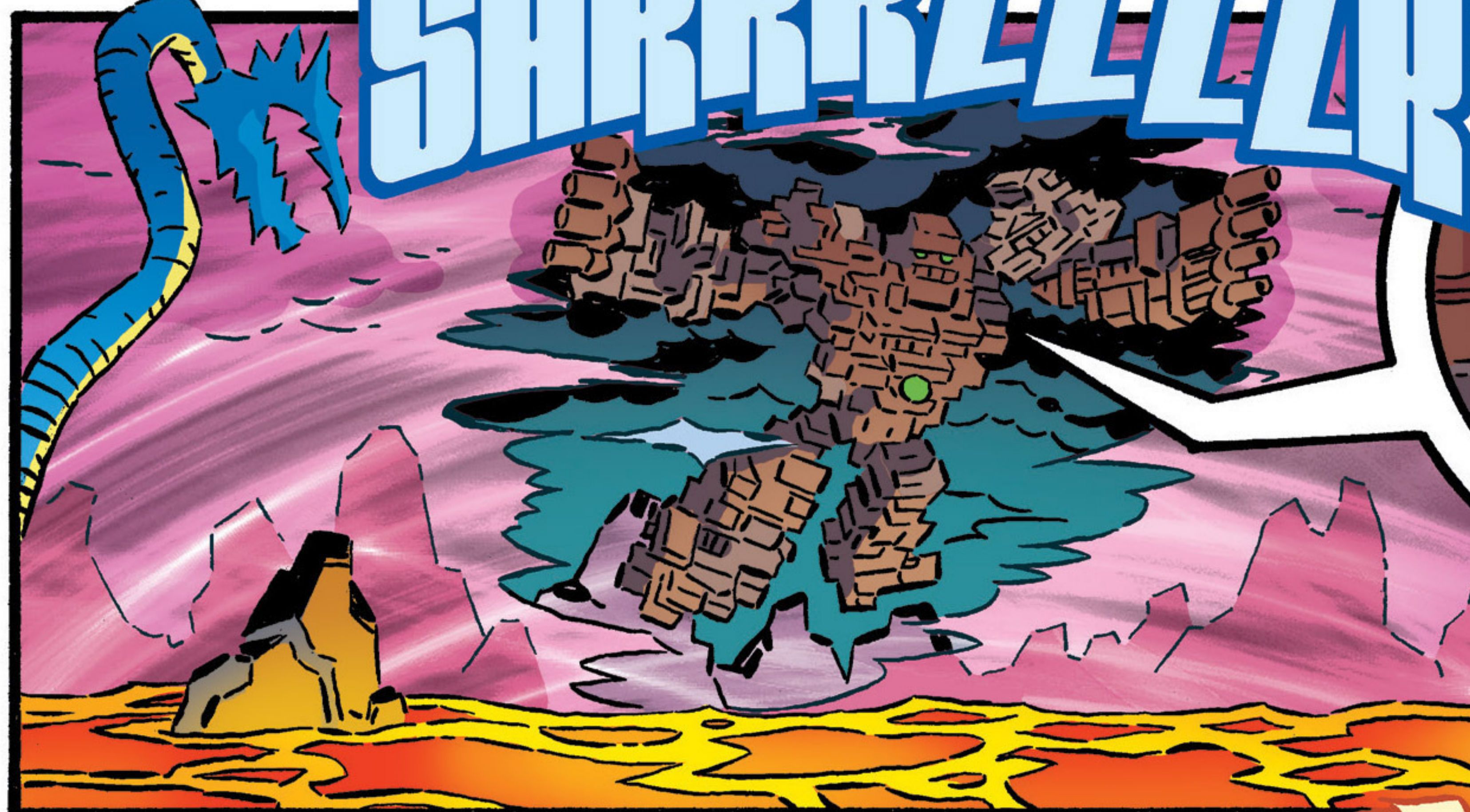
SPLORCH

Then
I'll keep
Dark Gaia
distracted!

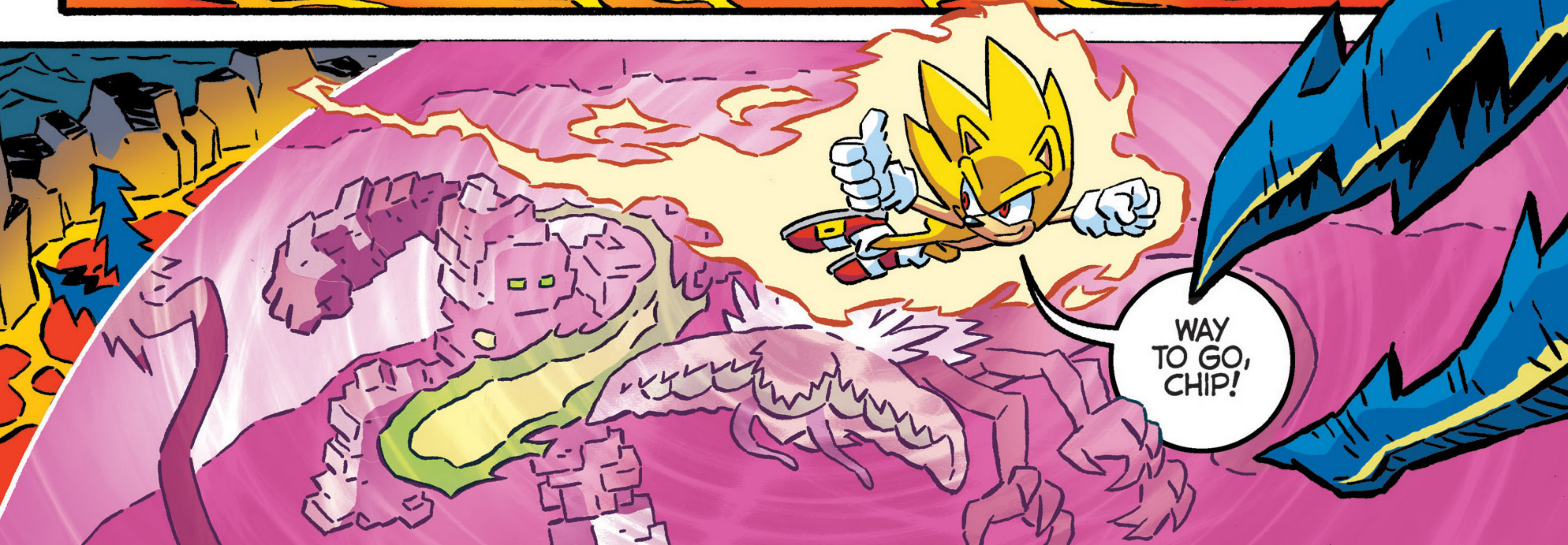
HOW
ARE
YOU
--?



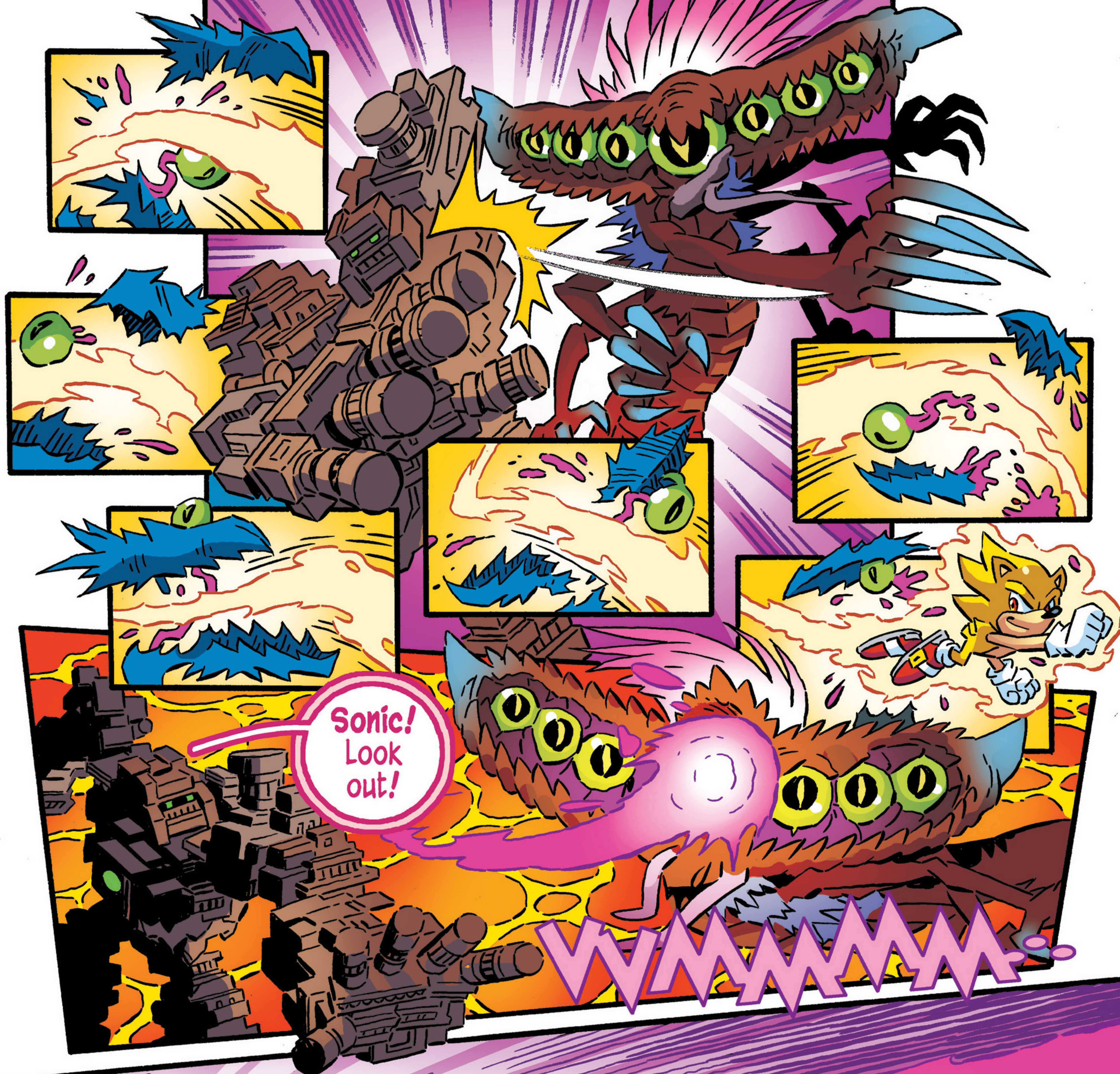
SHRRRRZZZZ



**HRRRR--
RRRAUGH!**



WAY
TO GO,
CHIP!





WE SHOULD
BE SAFELY OUT
OF RANGE!

I THINK
THOSE ARE
RELATIVE TERMS
AT THIS
POINT...

ZE DEATH
EGG...SHE IS NOT
MOVING...?

I'M GUESSIN' IT'S
FINALLY OUTTA GAS.
THE DOC WAS
PRETTY DESPERATE TO
GET THAT DARK GAIA
ENERGY.

WHAT'S
GOT ME MORE
CONCERNED
IS AH DON'T
SEE THE SKY
PATROL NO-
WHERE.

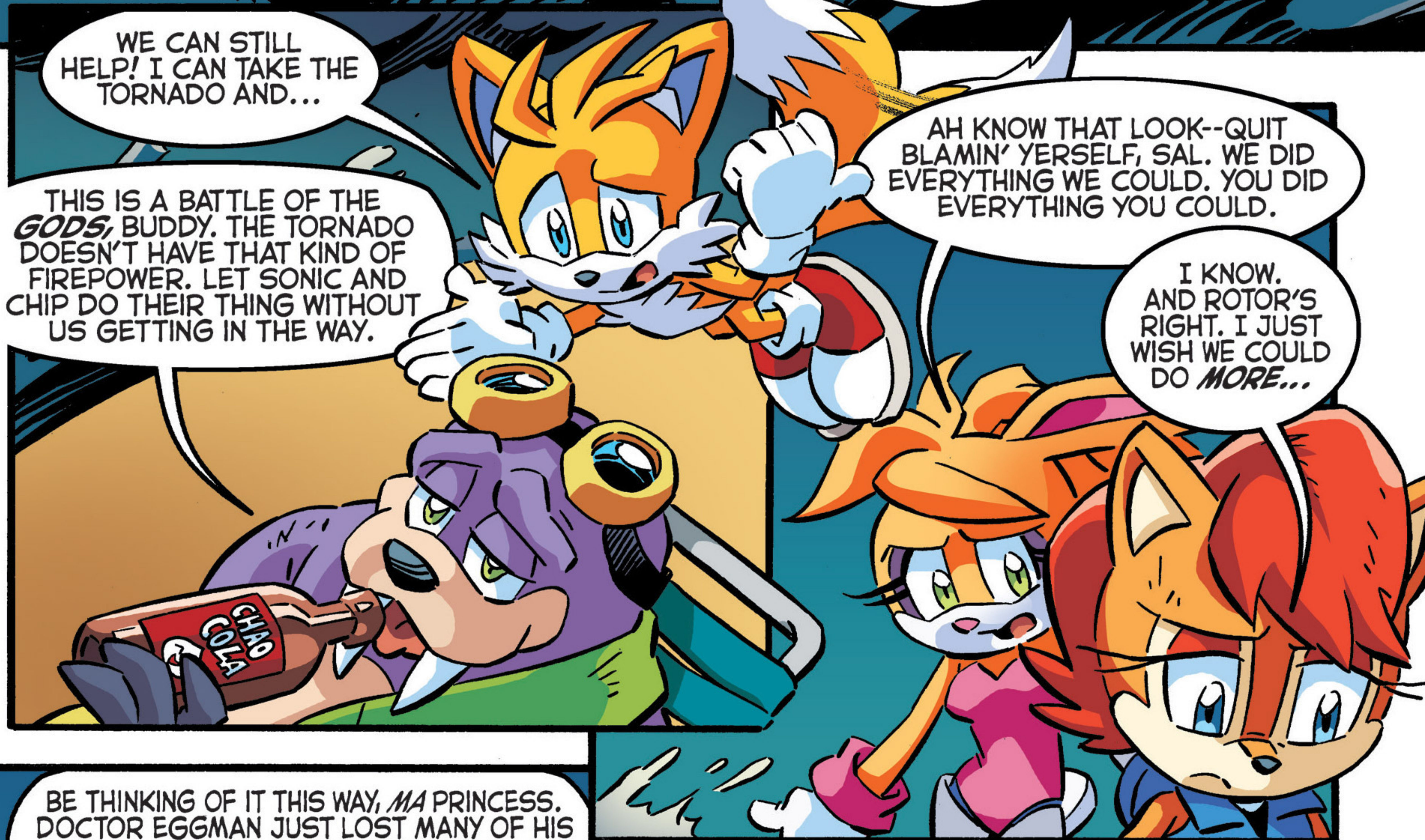
OH,
MY GOSH--
DOWN
THERE!

HANG ON, GUYS!
THE HANGAR ENTRANCE
IS SUBMERGED, SO I'M
GOING TO HAVE TO LAND
US ON THE DOME!



THE DEATH EGG BLEW US OUT OF THE SKY. NICOLE'S AS SAFE AS SHE CAN BE IN THE SERVER, BUT THE SKY PATROL IS DOWN FOR THE COUNT.

SO GRAB A SODA AND LET'S WATCH SONIC SAVE THE WORLD.



BE THINKING OF IT THIS WAY, *MA* PRINCESS. DOCTOR EGGMAN JUST LOST MANY OF HIS SUPER-BADNIKS...AND A WHOLE BASE. ZAT HAS TO COUNT FOR SOMETHING, *NON?*



YOU'RE RIGHT. WE'RE IN THE HOME STRETCH, AND WE'VE GOT TWO OF OUR BEST UP THERE. WHAT THEY NEED NOW IS FAITH AND SUPPORT.

GO GET 'EM, GUYS. WE BELIEVE IN YOU!



CRASH!

ROOOOAR!

SHRIIIII!

THAT WAS
TOTALLY ONE
OF KNUCKLES'S
MOVES!

HaHa!
well,
I don't think
I can make
this thing
Spin Dash!

LET'S KEEP
IT UP! I'LL
KEEP HIM
DISTRACTED,
YOU PUT
HIM DOWN!

Right
behind you,
Sonic!

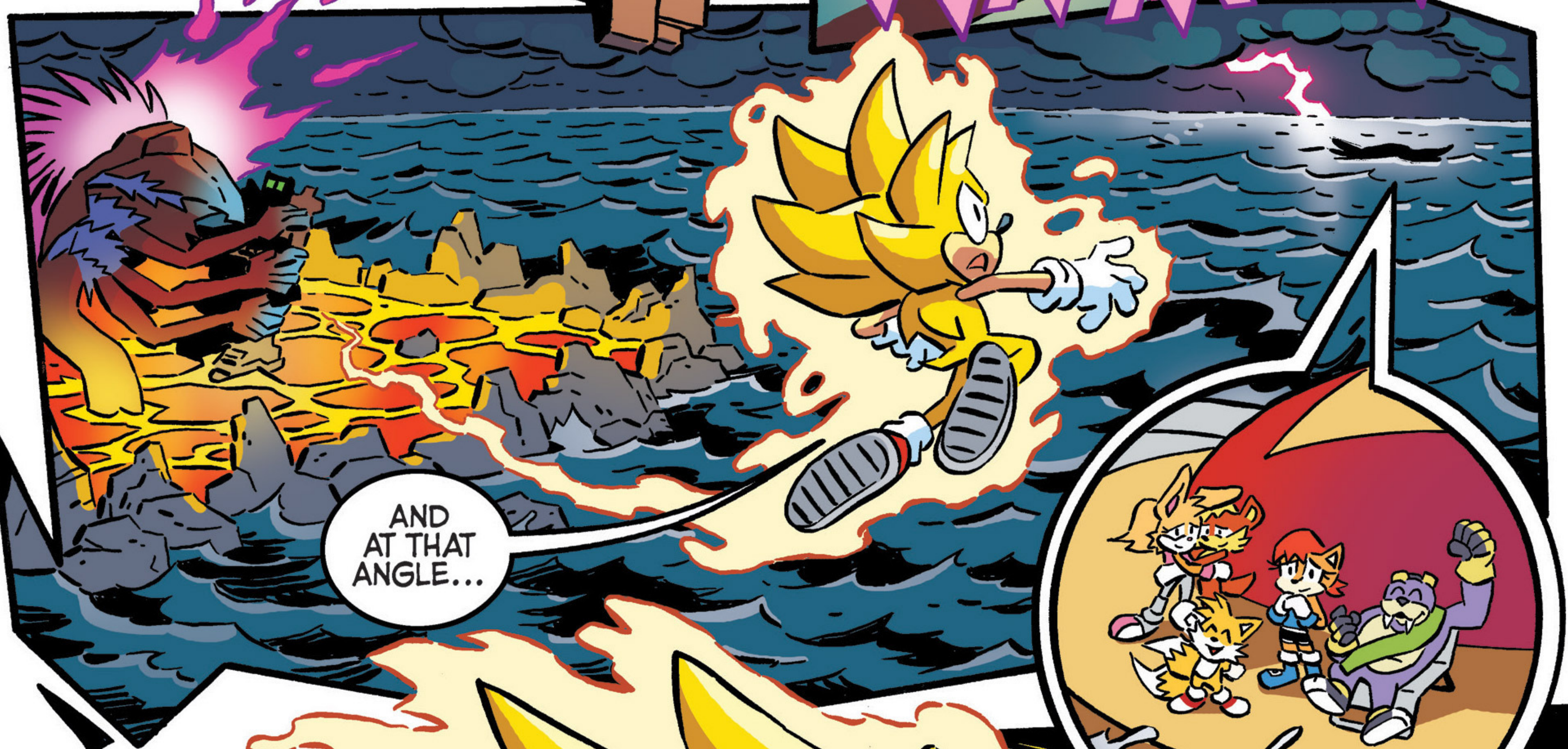




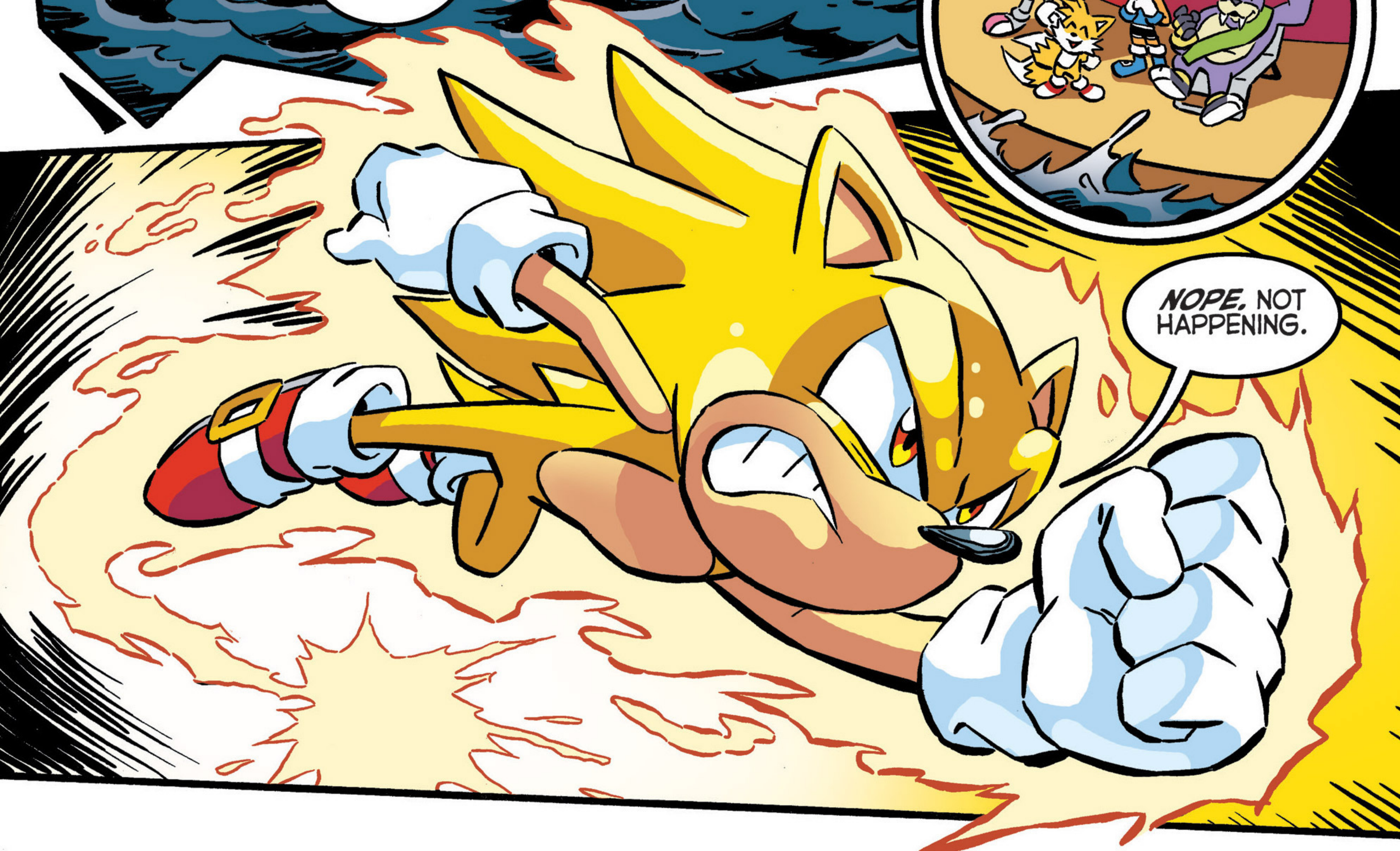
AHH!
Sonic!
It's got
me!



It's
charging up!
I don't know
if the Gaia
Colossus
can survive a
point-blank
shot!

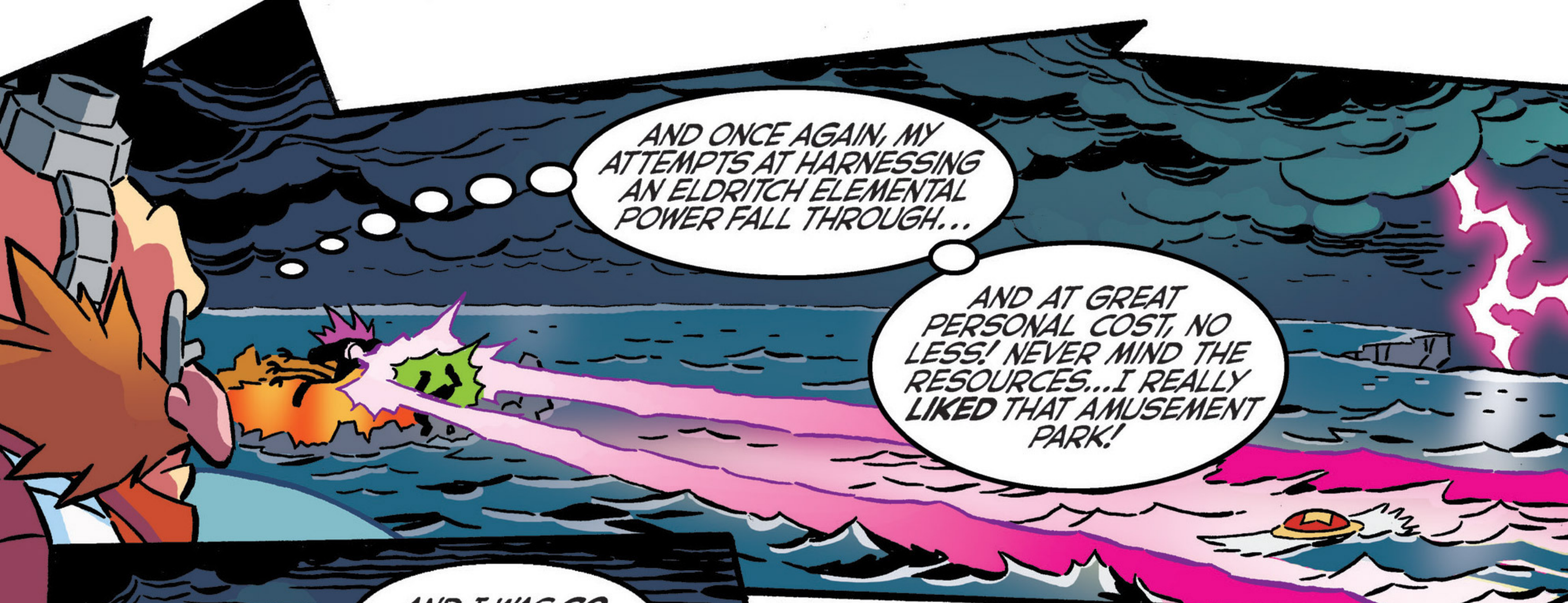


AND
AT THAT
ANGLE...



NOPE, NOT
HAPPENING.





AND ONCE AGAIN, MY
ATTEMPTS AT HARNESSING
AN ELDRITCH ELEMENTAL
POWER FALL THROUGH...

AND AT GREAT
PERSONAL COST, NO
LESS! NEVER MIND THE
RESOURCES...I REALLY
LIKED THAT AMUSEMENT
PARK!



AND I WAS SO
CLOSE TO FINALLY
POWERING THE
DEATH EGG! HOW
AM I SUPPOSED TO
STRIKE FEAR INTO
THE HEARTS OF MY
ENEMIES WHEN I
RUN OUT OF GAS
JUST GETTING
INTO RANGE?!

ALTHOUGH...

...THE RAW POWER
OF THE WORLD IS
MUCH MORE POTENT
THAN I IMAGINED. IT
COULD WORK JUST
AS WELL AS THE
DARK GAIA ENERGY.

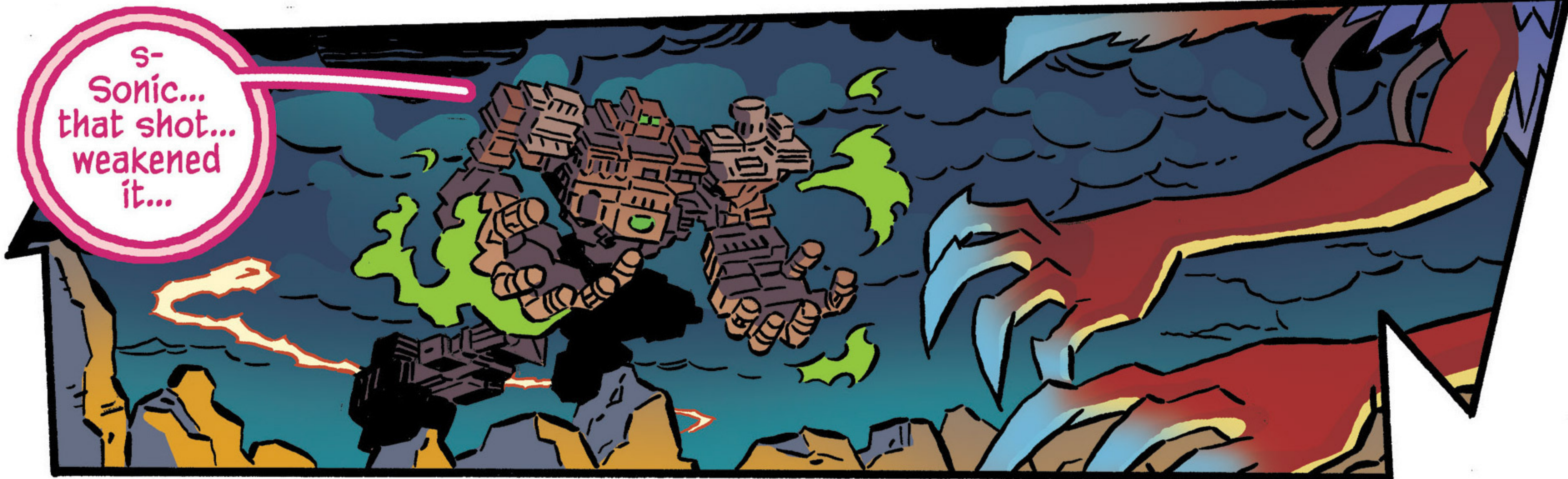


IF I COULD FIND
A WAY TO SIPHON
IT...SOME PLACE
REMOTE WHERE
SONIC WOULDN'T
FIND ME AND RUIN
MY PLANS AGAIN...

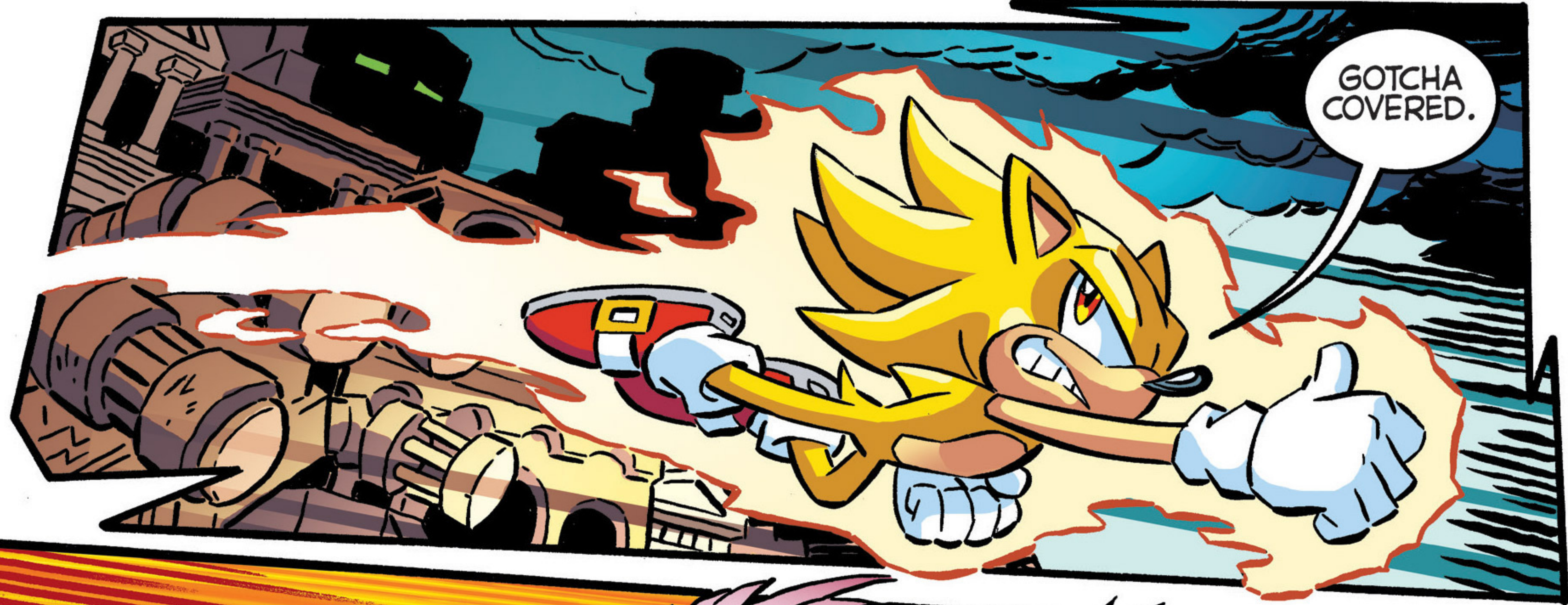


BAH!
THAT'S
PLOTING FOR
ANOTHER
DAY.

I NEED TO GET
OUT OF THE RANGE OF
DARK GAIA--OR THE
FREEDOM FIGHTERS, IF
THEY MANAGE TO
RALLY!



S-
Sonic...
that shot...
weakened
it...

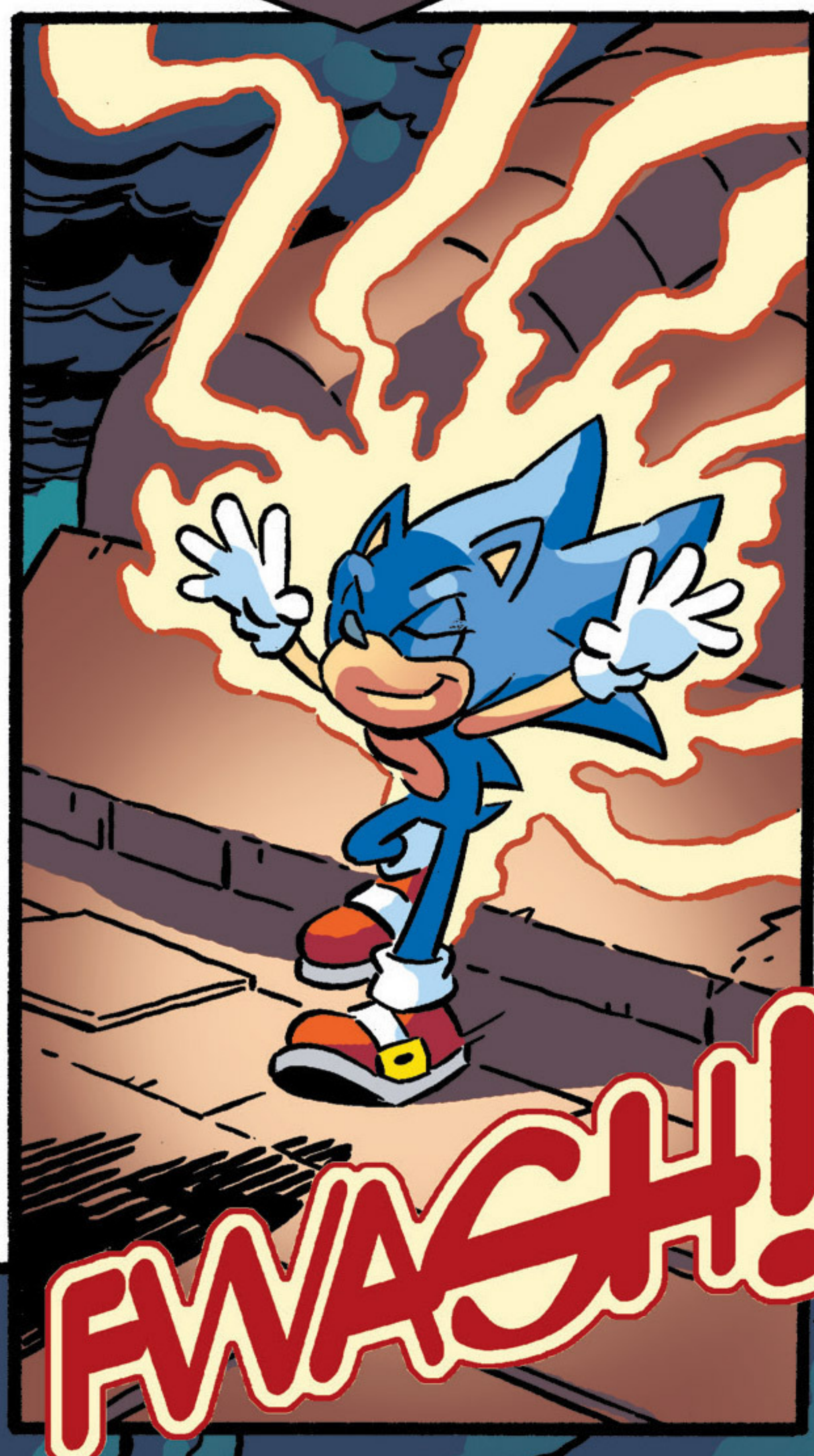
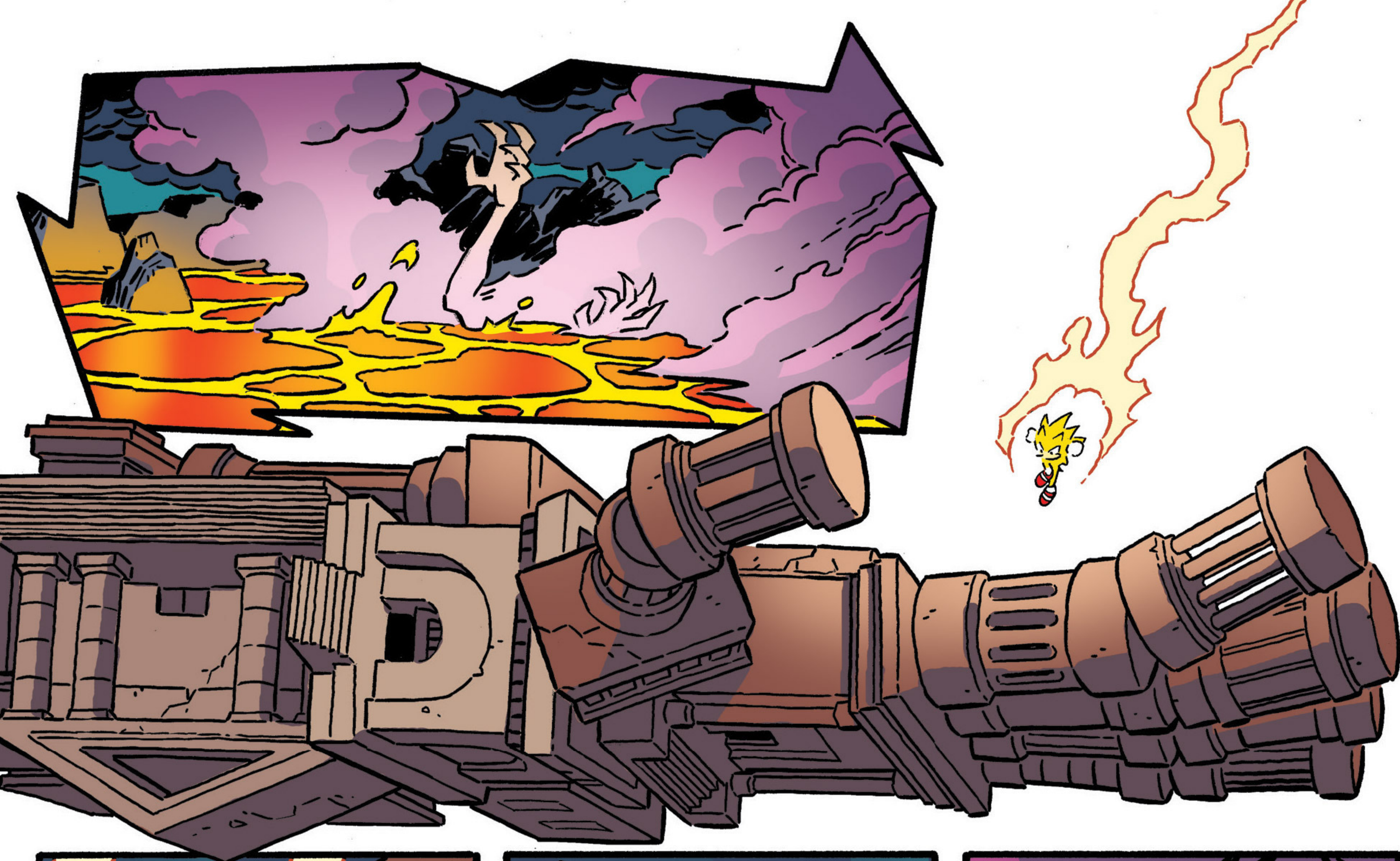


GOTCHA
COVERED.



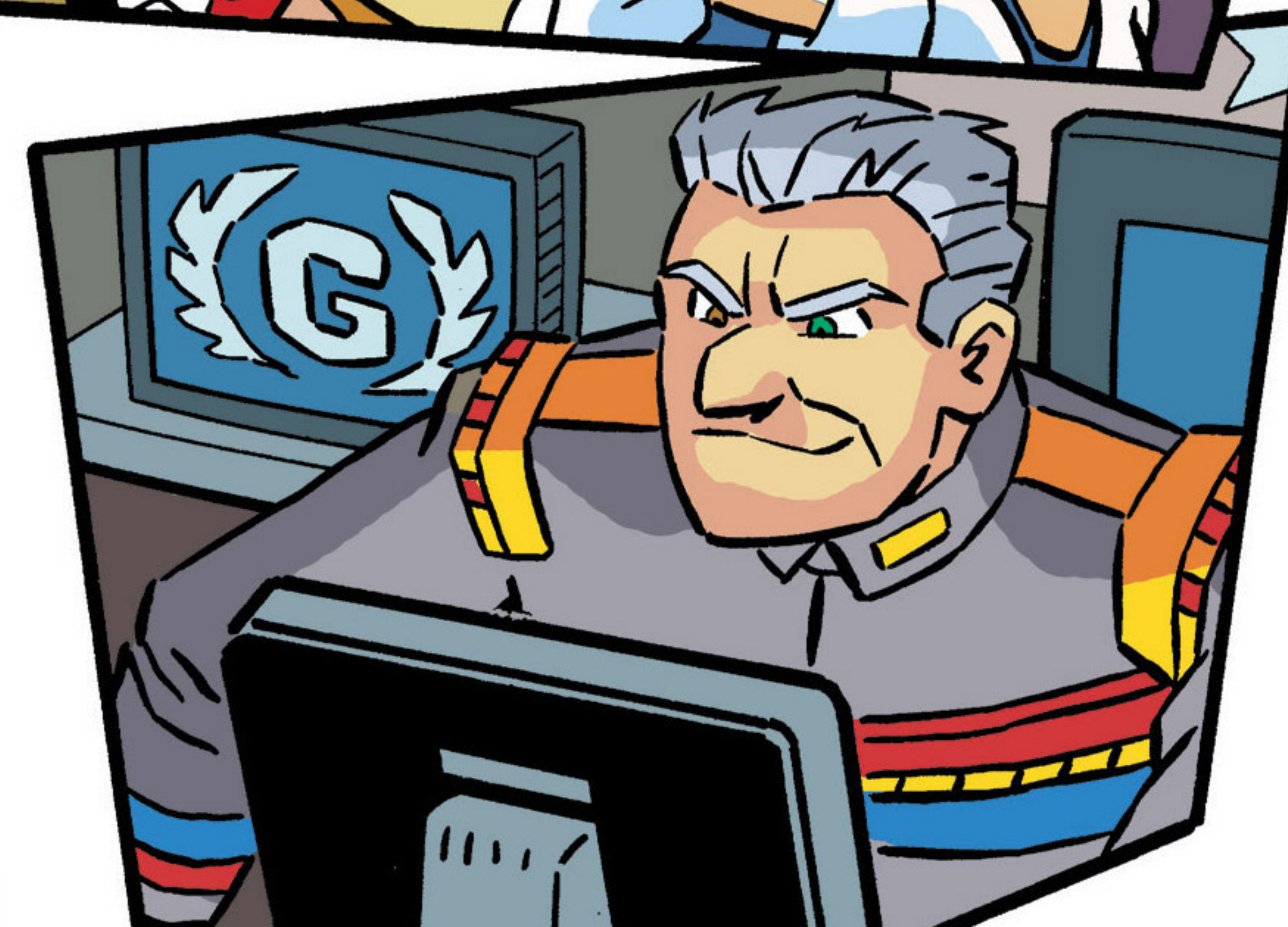
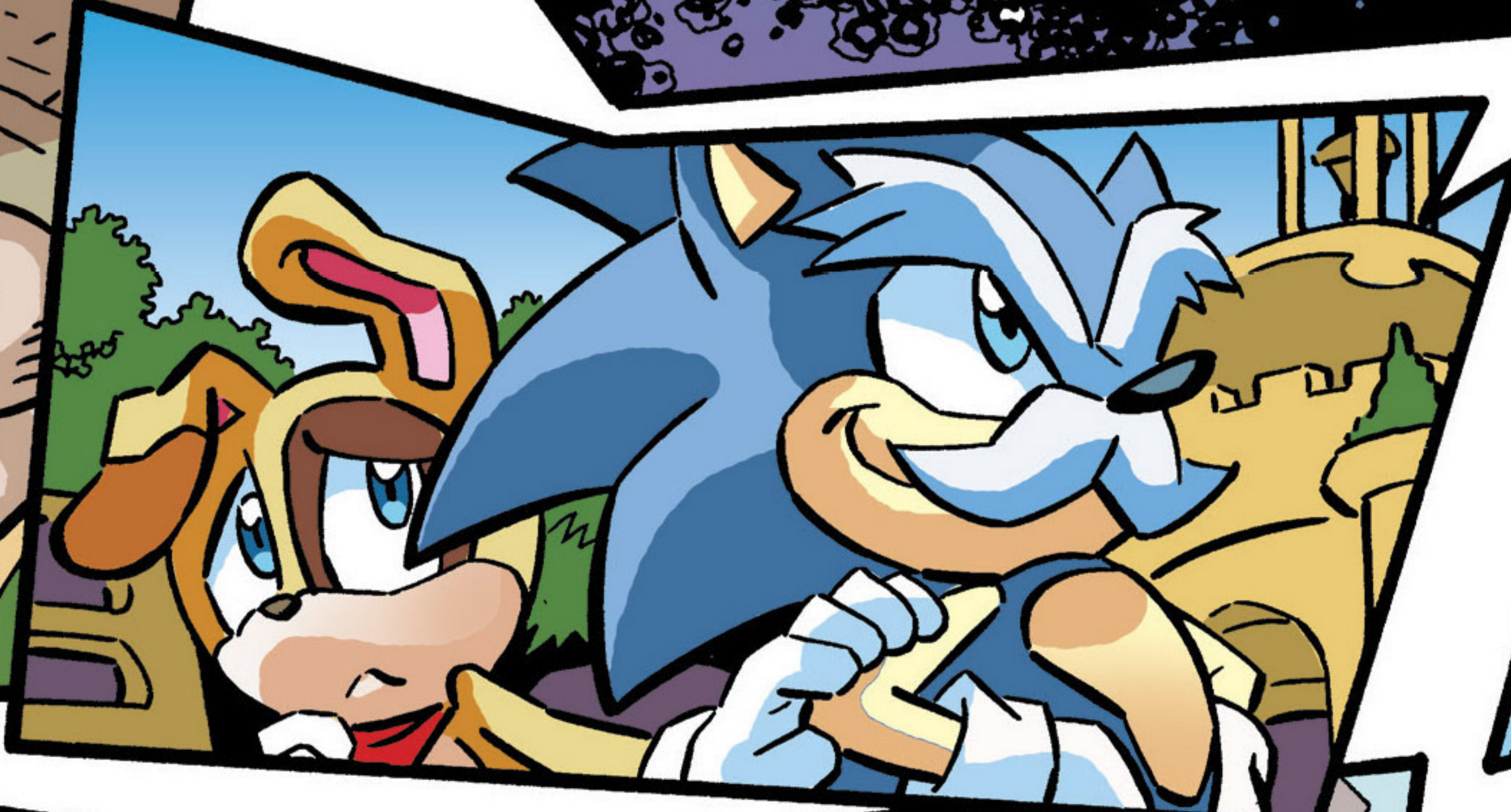
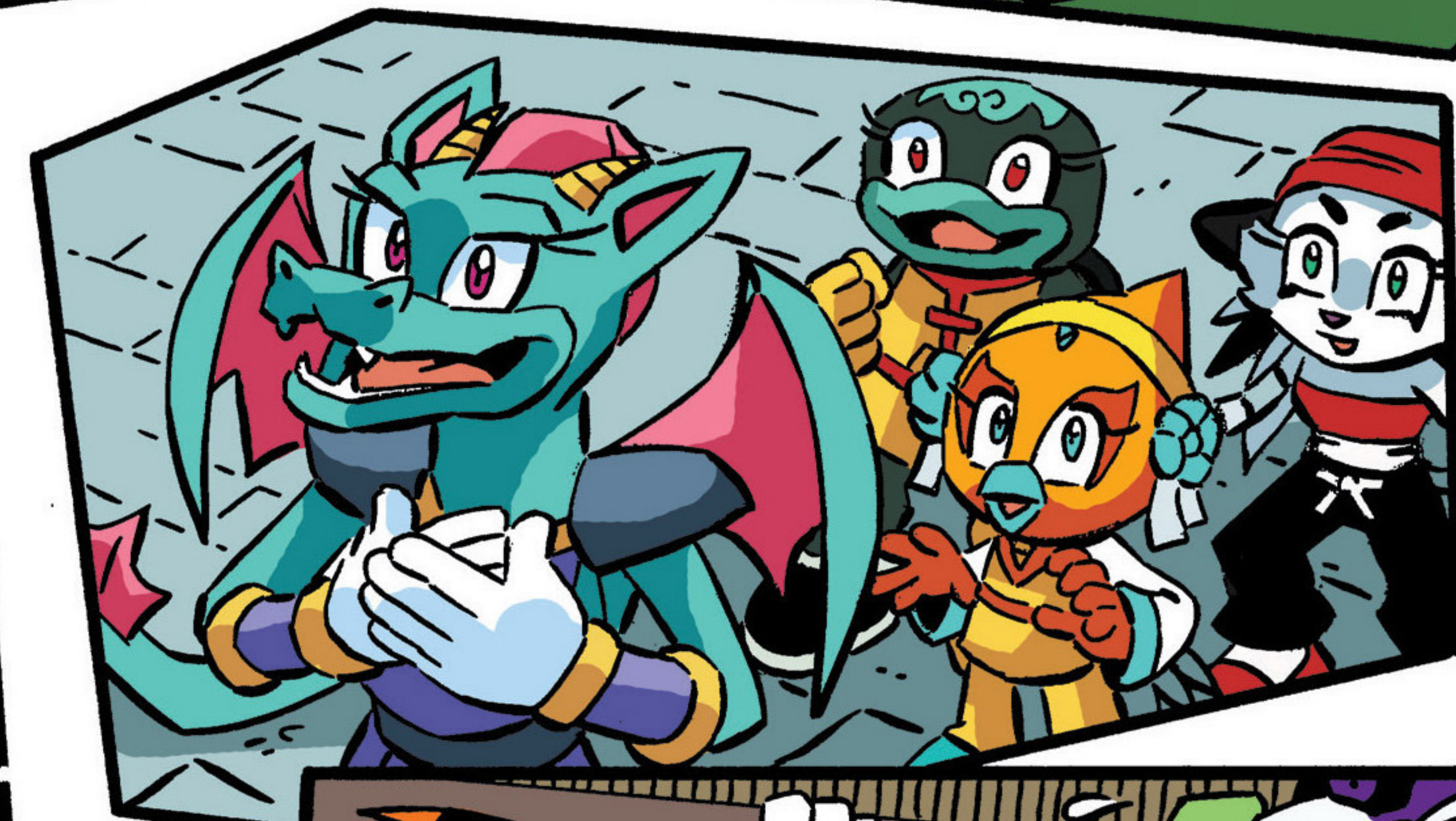
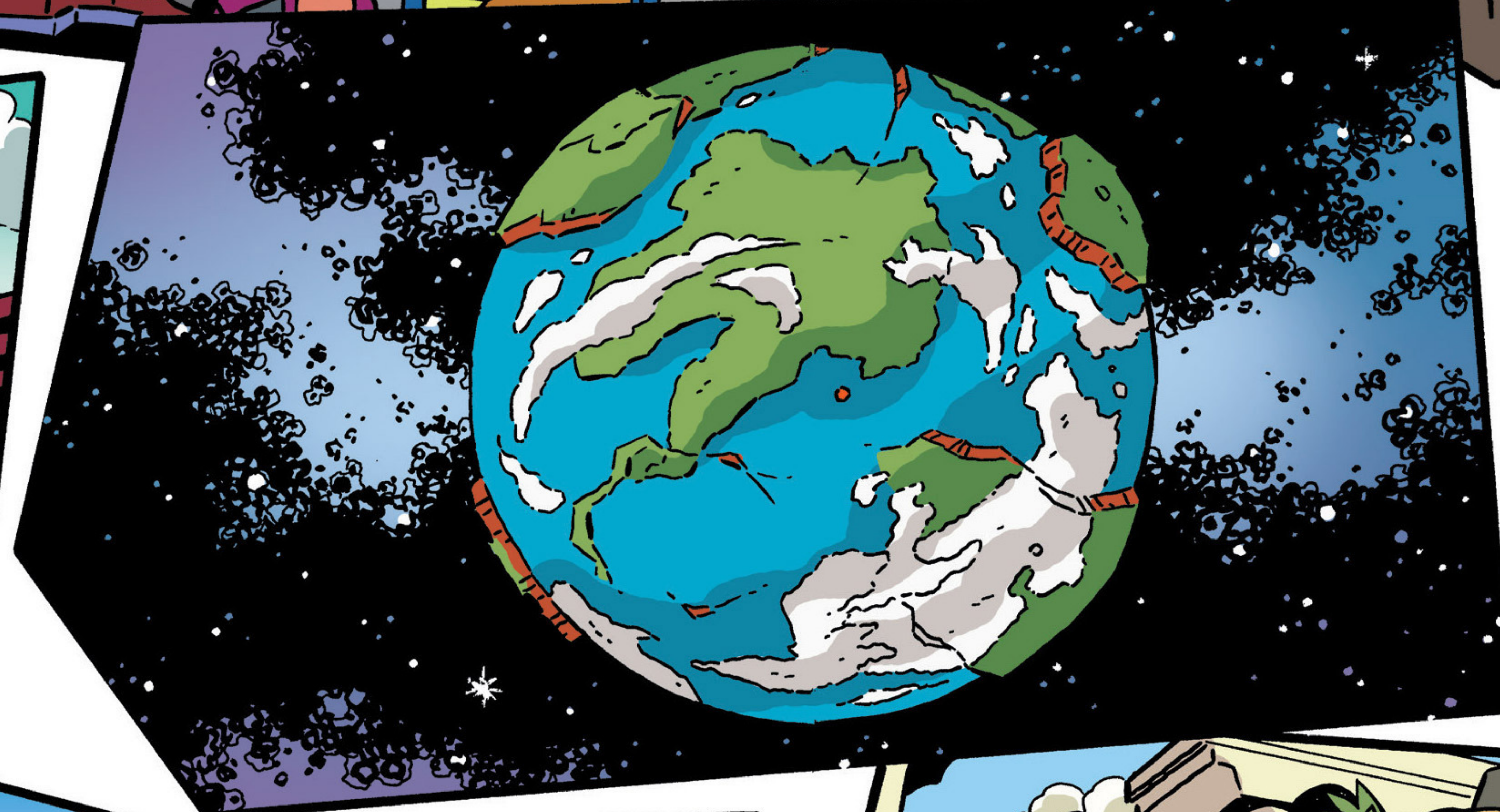
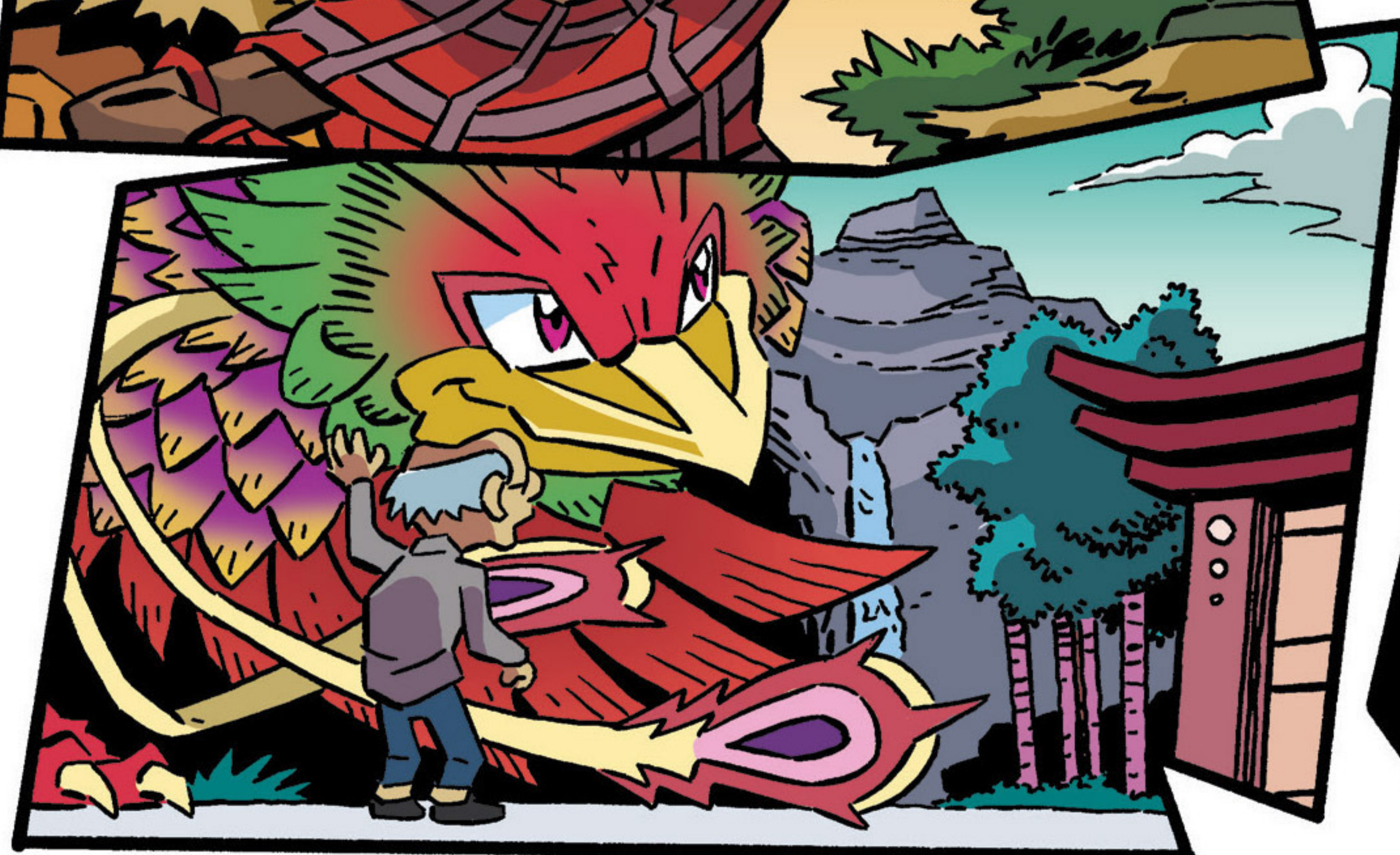
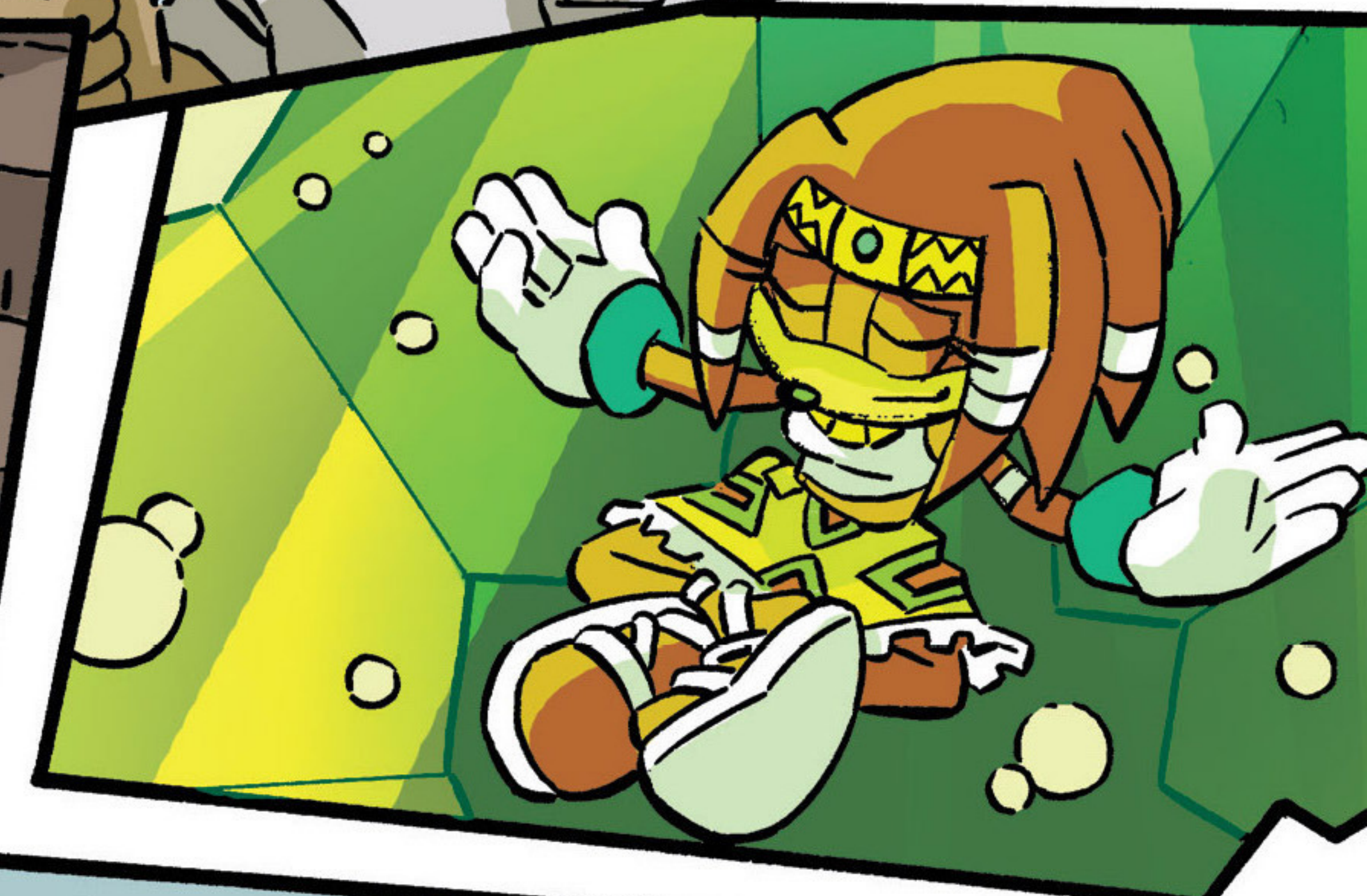
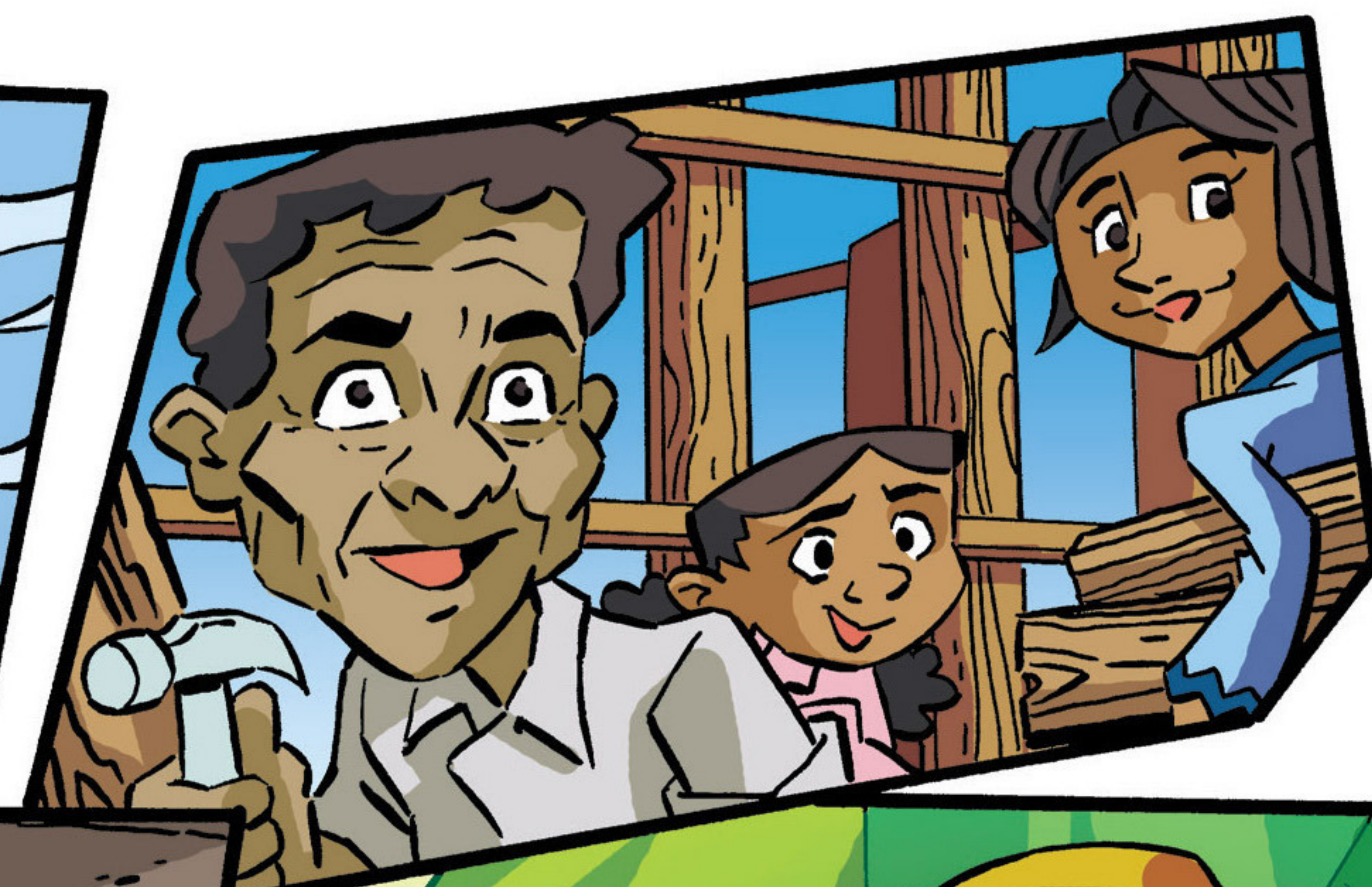
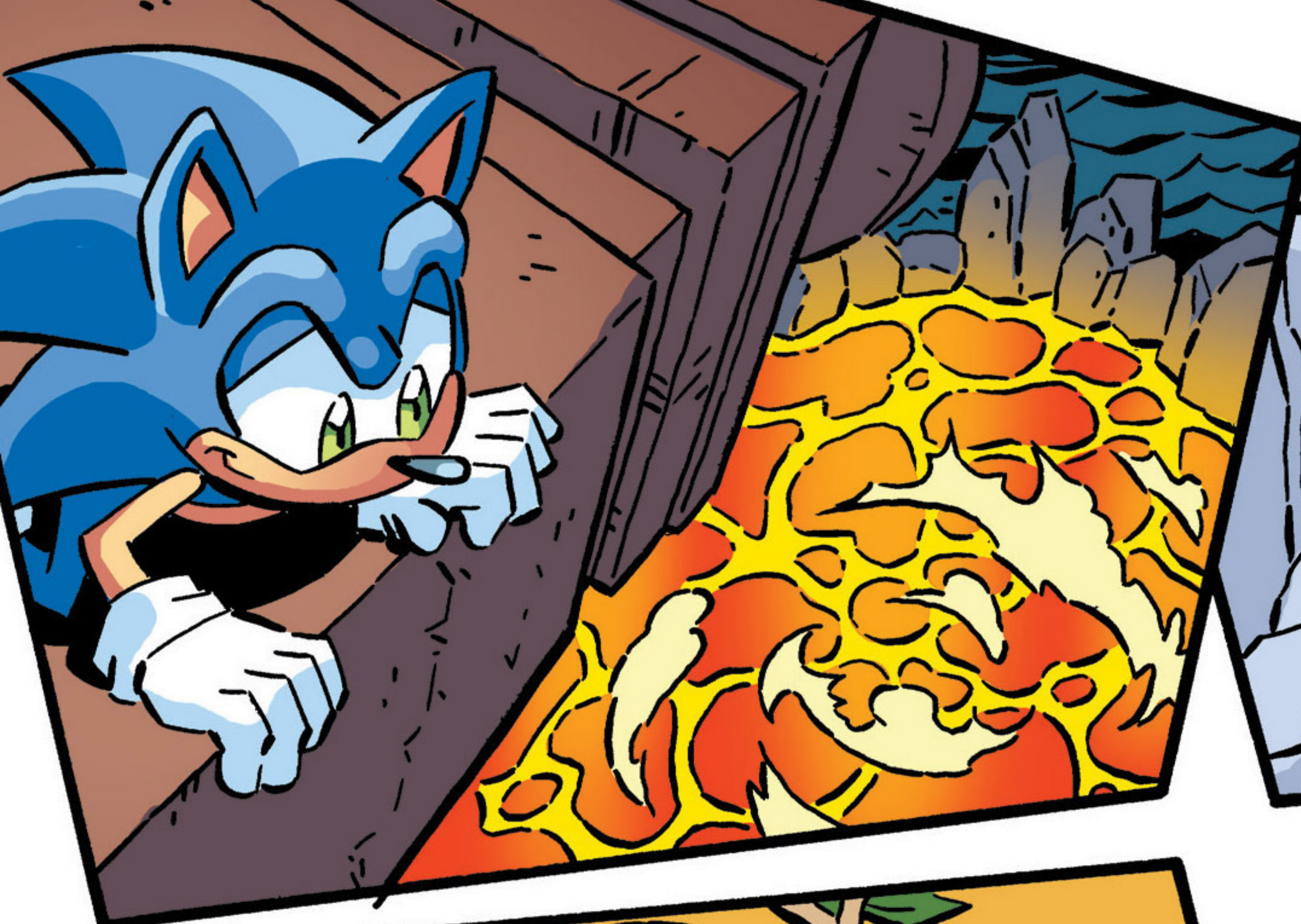
SCHING!

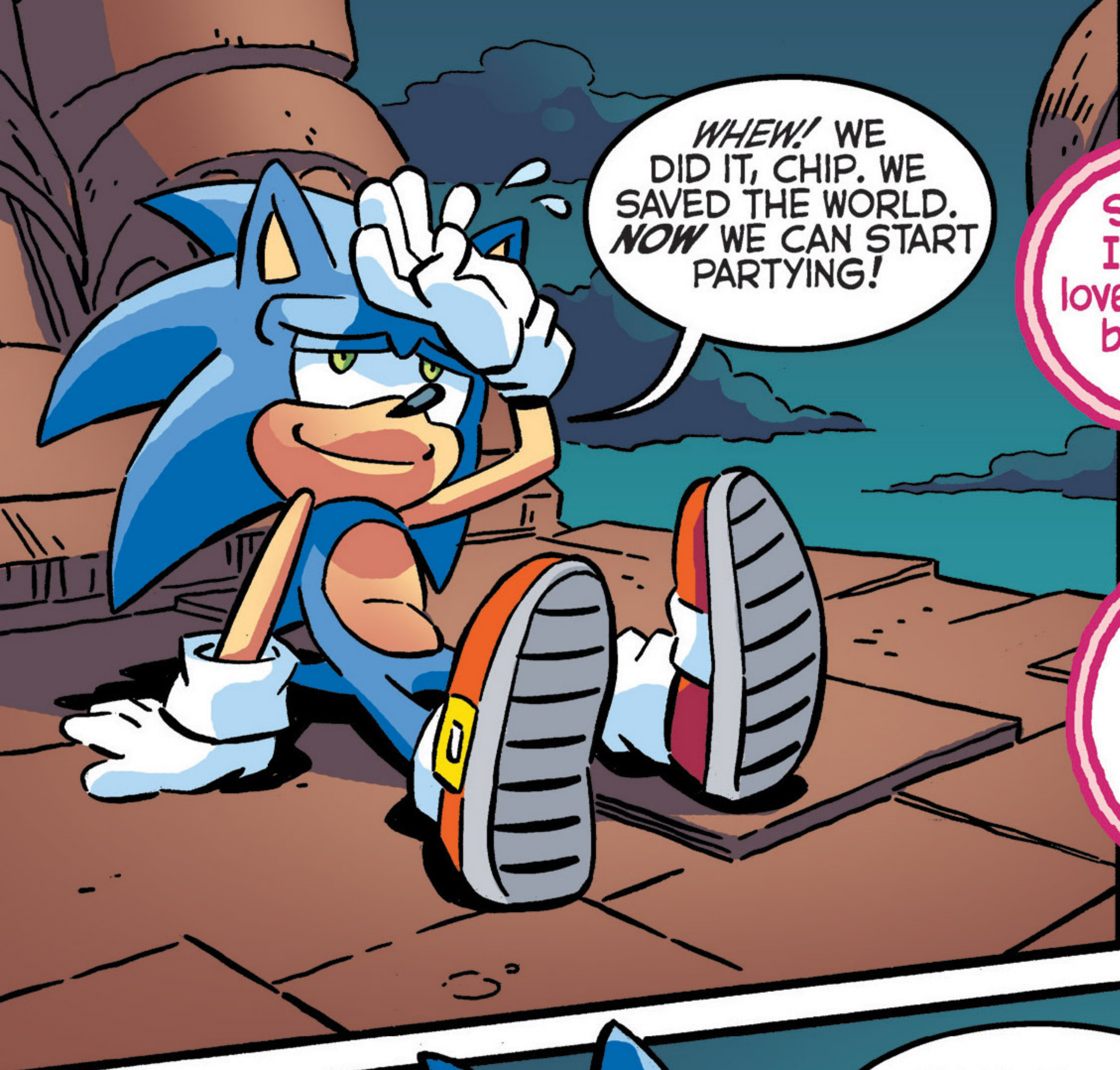




You've
done more than
your share, Sonic.
Now it's time to
complete my
duty as the Light
Gaia--

--and
restore
the
world!

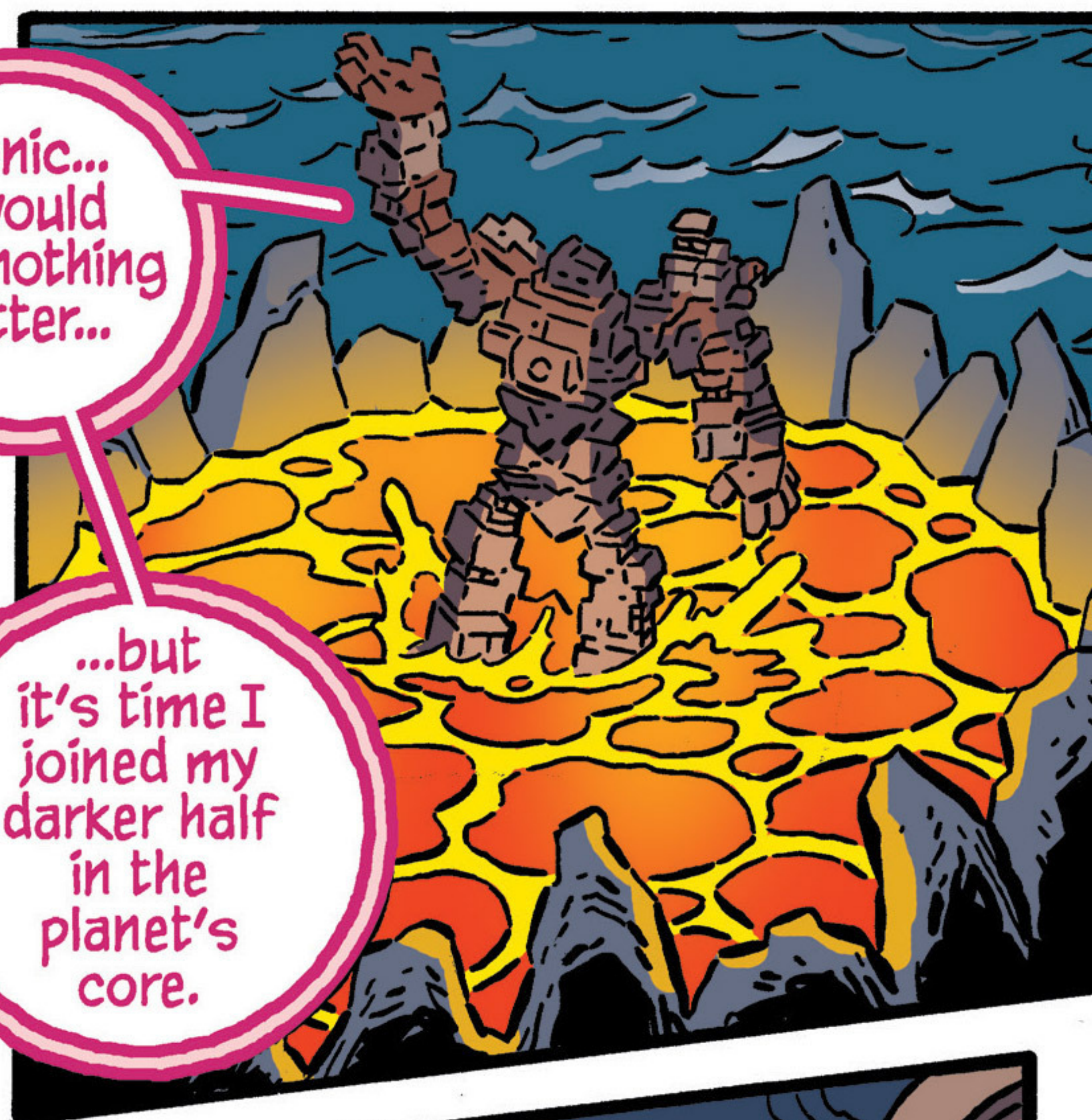




WHEW! WE DID IT, CHIP. WE SAVED THE WORLD. *NOW* WE CAN START PARTYING!

Sonic... I would love nothing better...

...but it's time I joined my darker half in the planet's core.



WHOA! HOLD ON! C-CAN'T THAT WAIT? YOU...YOU'VE EARNED A VICTORY LAP!

I've spent all my power in that fight. And the longer I delay, the more we risk Dark Gaia seeping back into the world.

I will take the Gaia Temples with me-- out of Doctor Eggman's reach. I'll seal this last wound in the world to keep you all safe.

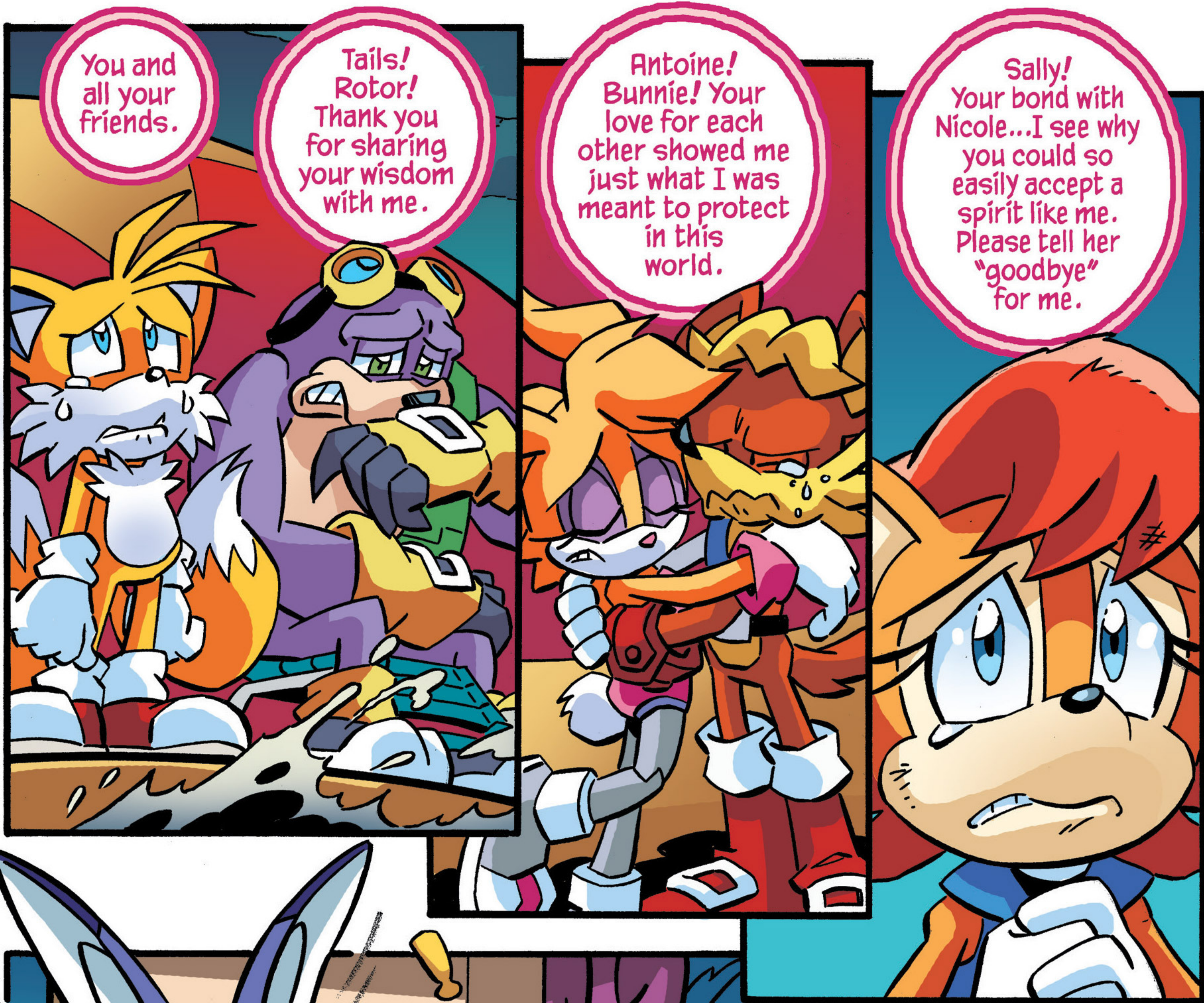


GREAT, BUT--!

I don't need a reward, Sonic.



The greatest reward was adventuring with *you*.



You and
all your
friends.

Tails!
Rotor!
Thank you
for sharing
your wisdom
with me.

Antoine!
Bunnie! Your
love for each
other showed me
just what I was
meant to protect
in this
world.

Sally!
Your bond with
Nicole...I see why
you could so
easily accept a
spirit like me.
Please tell her
"goodbye"
for me.



Cream!
Cheese! Big!
I wish I could
be closer when
I say farewell,
my friends.

...M-MR. CHIP?

Amy!
Knuckles!
Thank you
for inspiring
me with your
passion!

...Y-YOU
TWO *DID*
HEAR THAT,
Y-YES?



YOU'RE THE BEST,
CHIP! I'M GONNA
MISS YOU,
BUDDY!

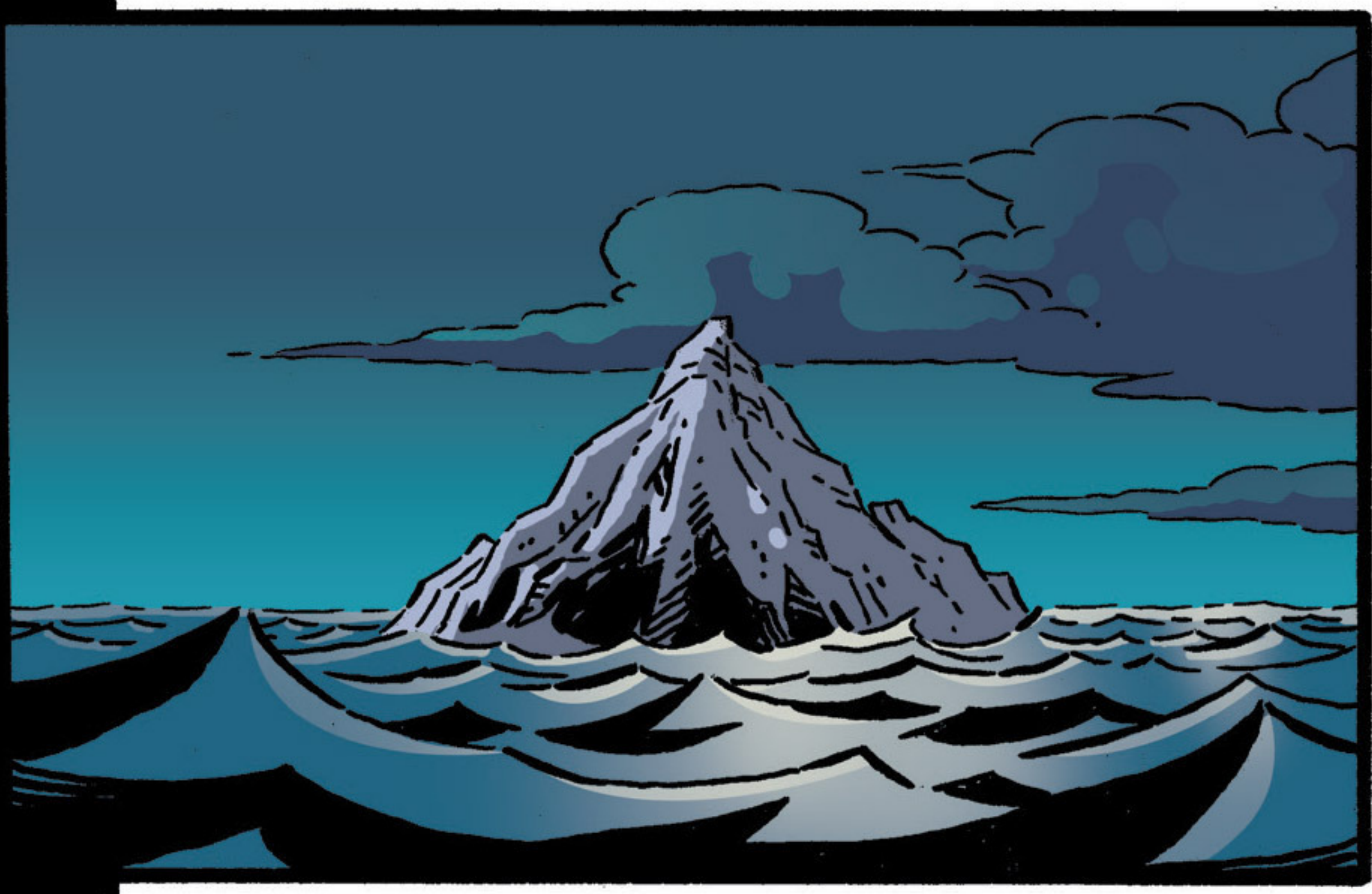
And
I'll never
forget
you.

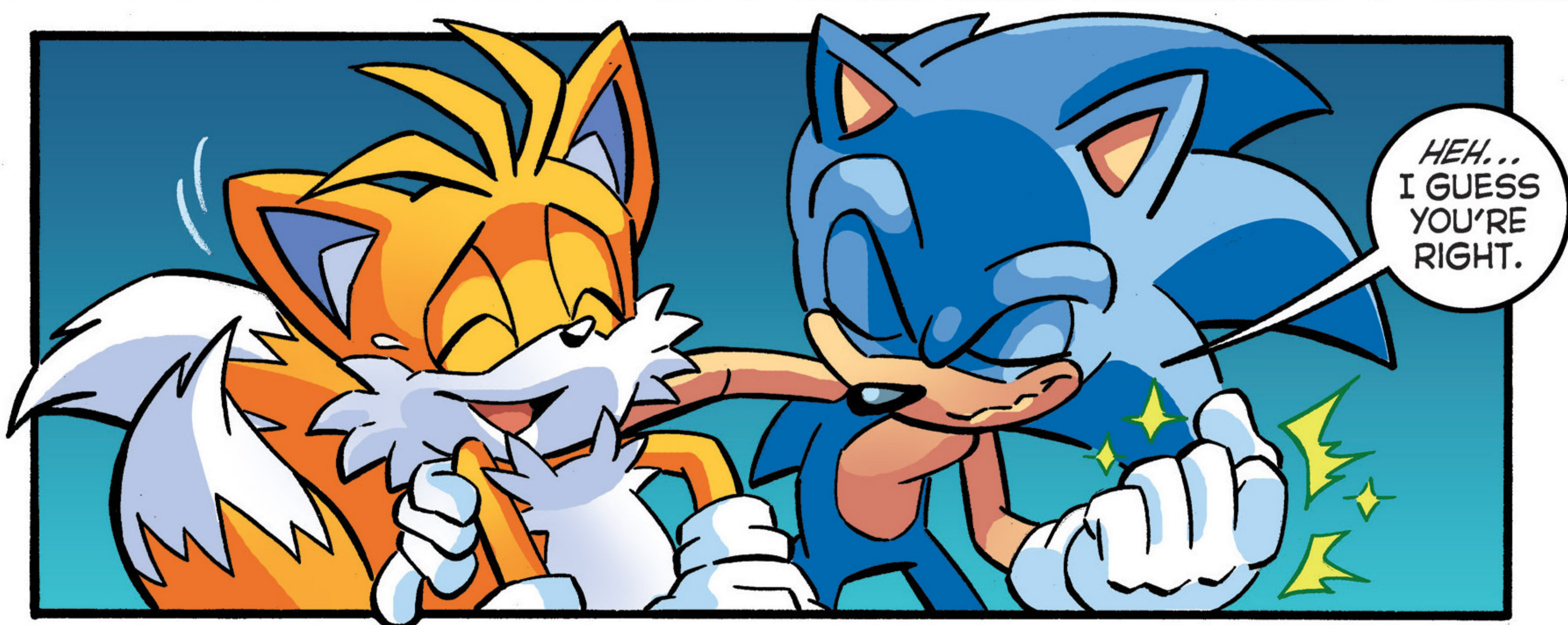
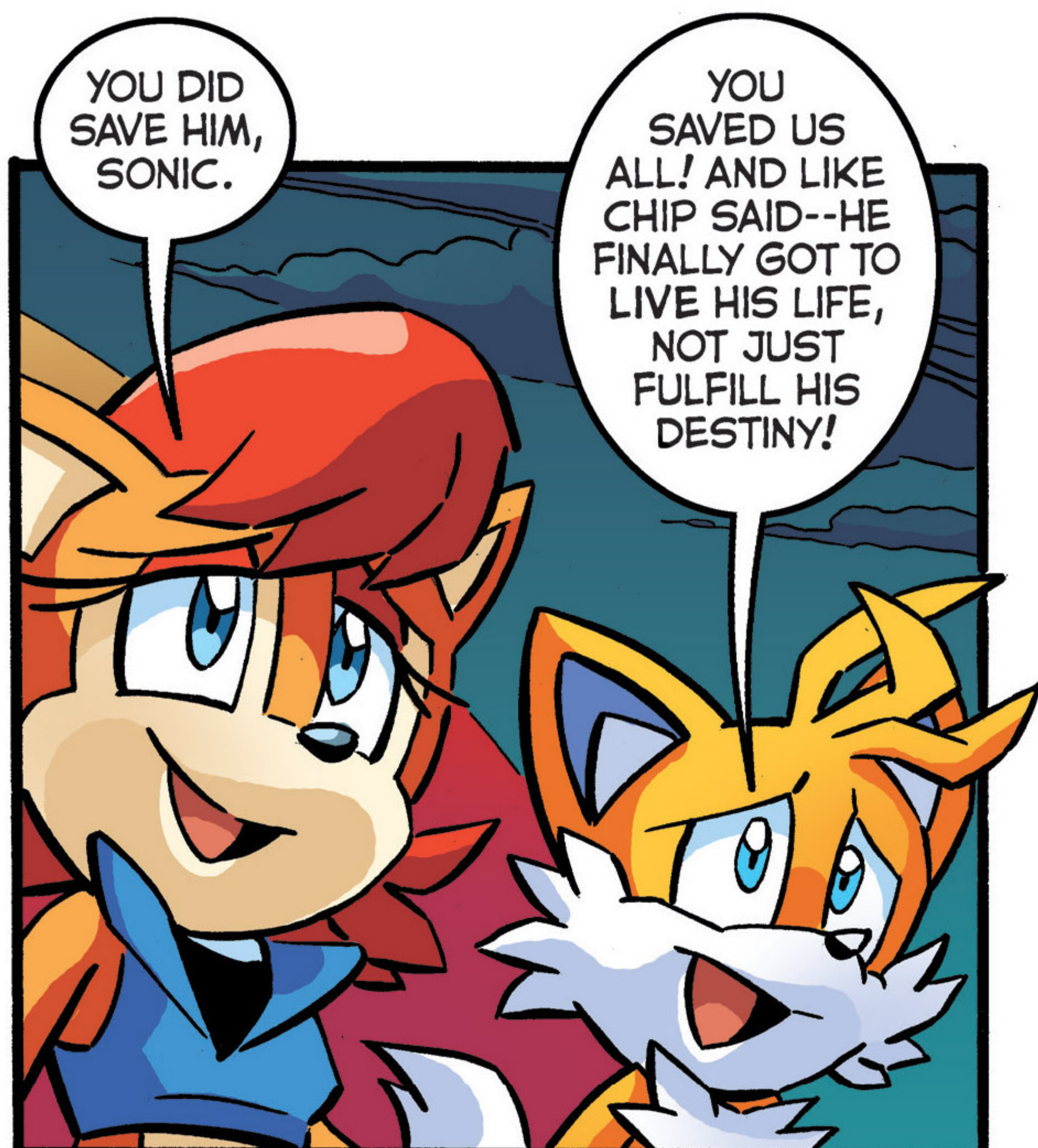


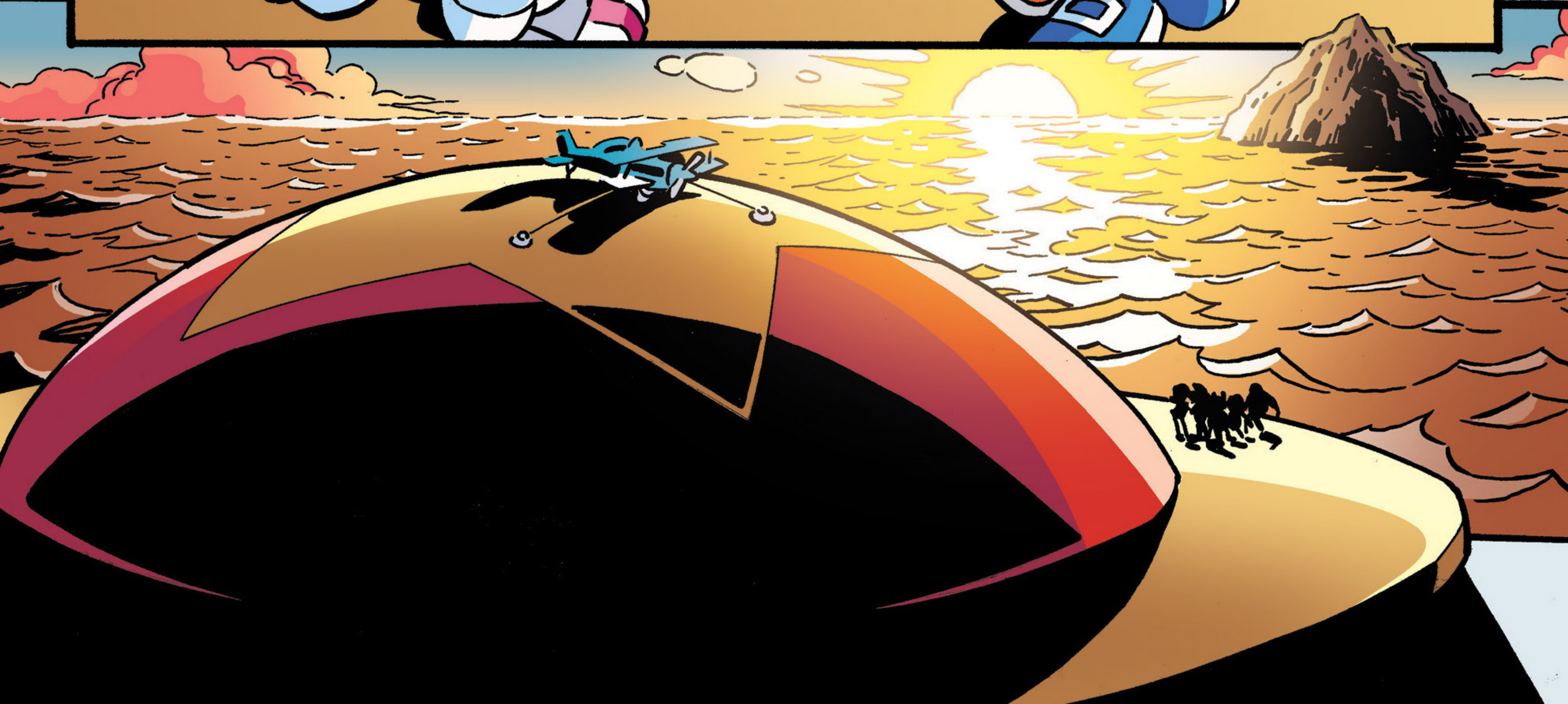
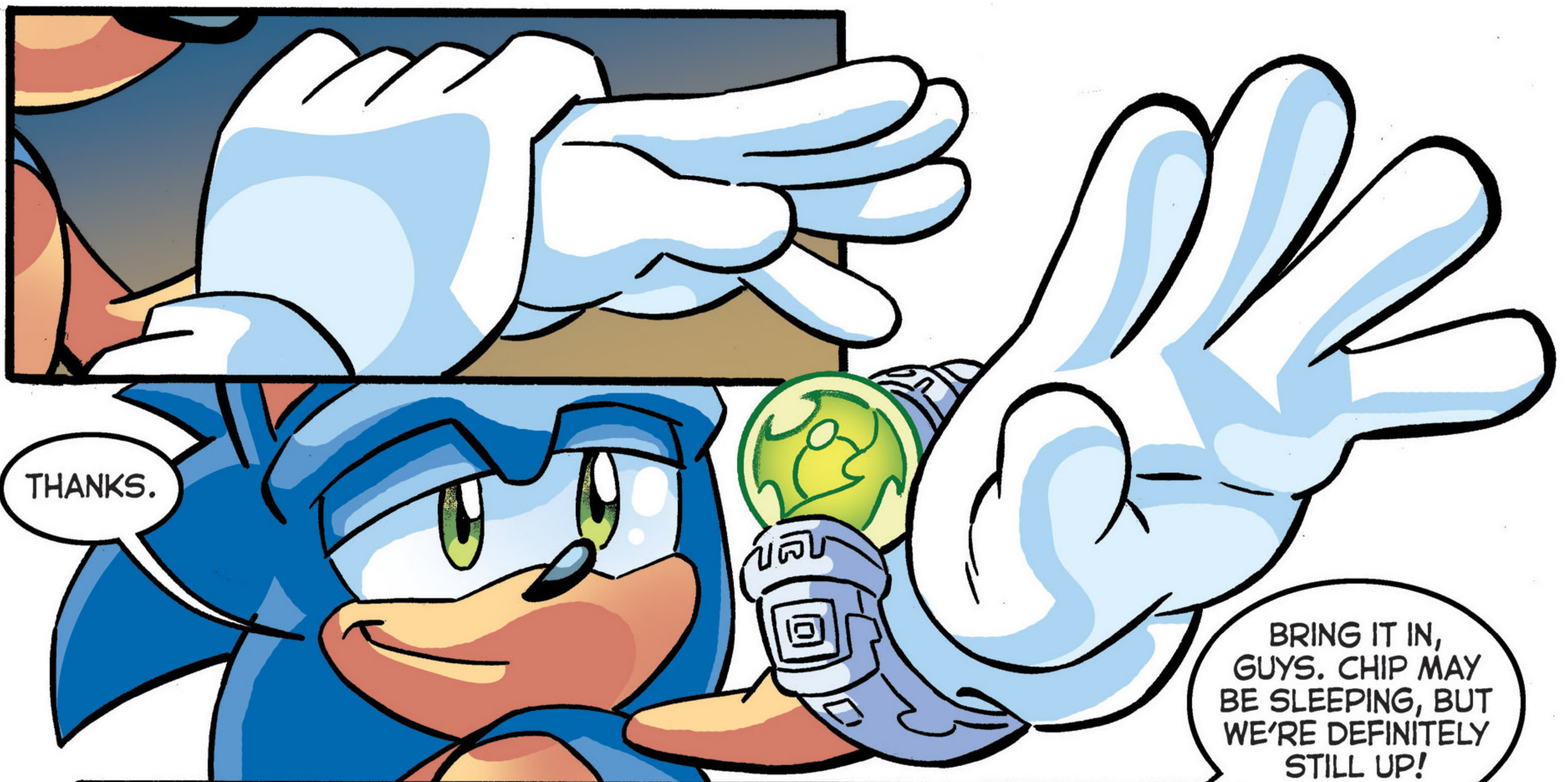
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be here
with you
always.

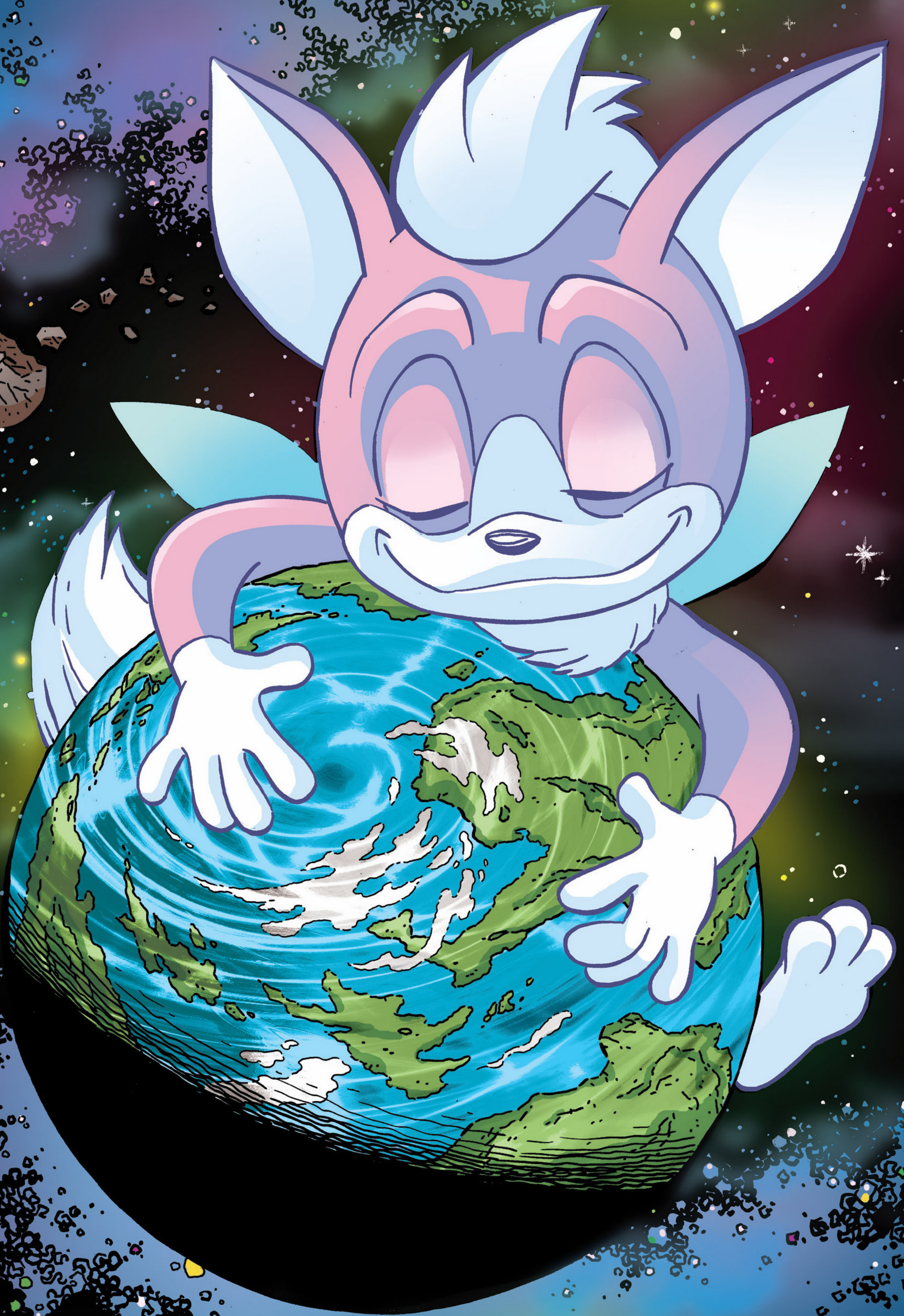


A part
of the
earth you
tread.









THE *SHATTERED WORLD SAGA* HAS COME TO A CLOSE!
THANK YOU for joining us on this SONIC WORLD ADVENTURE!
But as one chapter ENDS, another BEGINS!
We'll see you NEXT TIME as we launch into a brand new epic!
AND UNTIL THEN, DON'T MISS OUT ON SONIC UNIVERSE, SONIC SUPER
DIGEST AND THE GRAPHIC NOVEL LIBRARY!

Letter from *the* EDITOR

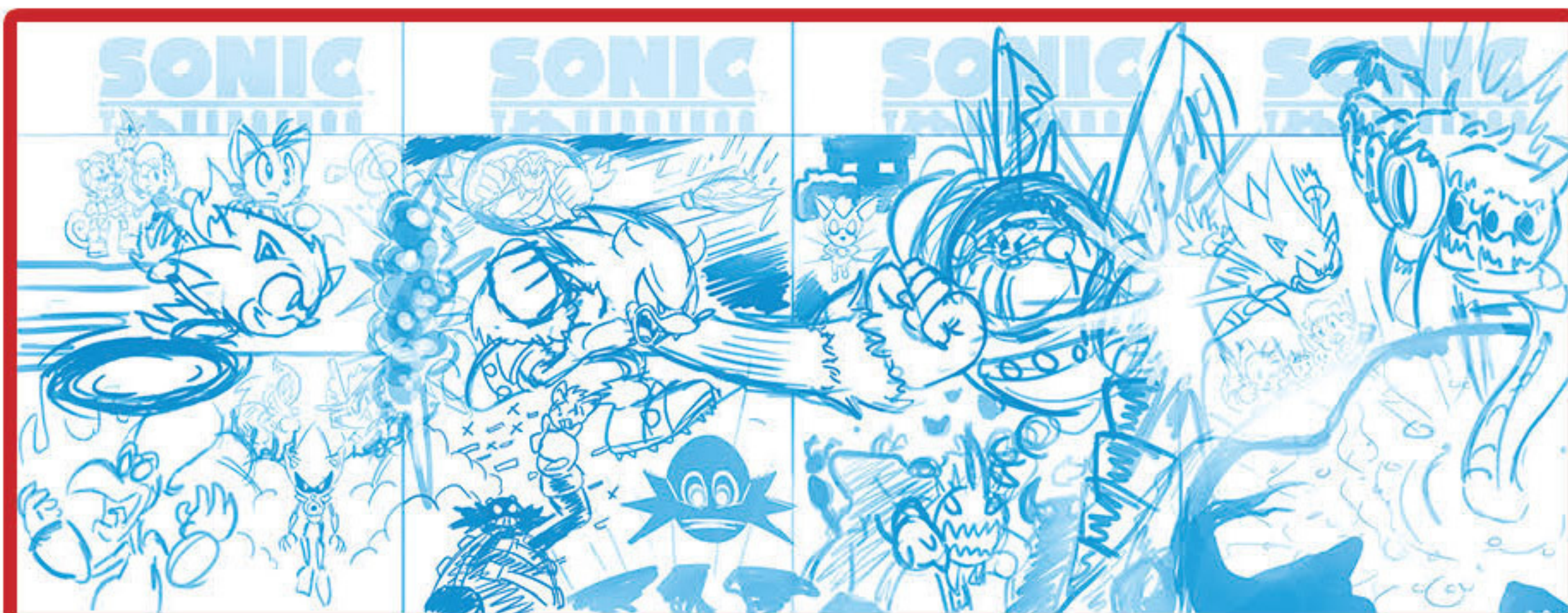
Chaos Emerald-powered editorial commentary! Just add 50 rings!



And that's how you get it done!

Was that a wild ride or what? The planet-sized jigsaw puzzle has finally been completed. So many great artists have lent their talents to tell this grand story and it's so satisfying seeing the end result. Hats off to the creative team on a job well done and a saga well told.

Just in case you missed it, **Tracy Yardley** has made his grand return this issue, and will continue pencilling for our next storyline, **"Genesis of a Hero"**! This special story will honor the Blue Blur's 25-year history by turning back the clock to Sonic's earliest adventures and reveal some key moments in Sonic's history!



STH #284-287 connecting cover concept written by Ian Flynn and sketched by yours truly!

That's all for now. Stay classy, Sonic fans! See you next issue!

Vin
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– Vincent "Vin" Lovallo
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